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'We are not losing 28 more beds' says Princess of Wales

CLAIMS by staff at the Princess of Wales Hospital that it is losing a further 28 beds by the decision to re-designate ward 3 have been denied by hospital chiefs.

Staff claimed that ward 3 was closed for refurbishment at the end of last year and has not reopened, other than to briefly house the Clinical Decision Unit, which moved there in February.

In a statement to The GEM, a spokesman for the Abertawe Bro Morgannwg NHS Trust said that the ward 3 area would continue to be used for clinical purposes, as part of the hospital's cardiology services.

She said that patients had

briefly moved into there from ward 4 while their ward was being upgraded.

The old ward 3 will be used for cardiology investigations, such as ECGs, exercise tests and echocardiograms.

She said that this "innovative redesign" of services was aimed at reducing the time it takes for patients to be investigated and seen by a cardiologist, following referral by their GP.

The area will also be used to rapidly assess patients who arrive at accident and emergency with cardiac problems.

The spokesman added that the ward will also include some enhanced facilities for relatives of patients on ward 4 and some

office space connected to the area's clinical role.

In April, the hospital had 438 beds, excluding those in the short stay unit.

Bed occupancy rates in April this year stood at 87.95 per cent.

Concerns have been raised in Wales about "hot bedding" caused by high occupancy rates, and the fact that beds are still warm from their previous occupants when new patients are placed in them.

Ambulance chiefs have also been arguing that delays in ambulance turn-arounds have been caused by a shortage of beds at hospitals in Wales.

Lions present twinning cheque to Air Ambulance



ABOVE: Bridgend and Vimoutiers Lions Club members presenting the cheque to the crew of the Wales Air Ambulance.

THE Lions Clubs of Bridgend and Vimoutiers, a rural town in Normandy roughly the size of Cowbridge, celebrated their recent 31st annual twinning meeting with the joint presentation of a cheque for £600 to the publicly-funded Wales Air Ambulance, based at

Swansea Airport. Spokesman David Jones said: "Demand for this essential addition to our emergency services was brought home when the presentation was delayed an hour or so - because the helicopter had to be called out to an emergency at a remote spot in west Wales, from where an injured person was flown to a

local hospital. "While awaiting the helicopter's return, members of both clubs and their partners were given an interesting guided tour of Swansea Airport and its control tower. "When the helicopter finally came over the horizon, it landed just yards away, allowing us to closely inspect the craft. We

must pay tribute to the crew, who demonstrated and patiently explained the interior and fittings of the craft, when they must have been exhausted after such difficult work on one of the hottest days of the year. "Our French guests were very impressed by the whole operation."

ALLIANCE REFORMS FOR ANOTHER SHOT AT COUNCIL GLORY DAYS

SOONER or later, all the old bands get back together - whether it be the The Who, The Eagles or Kajagoogoo.

The GEM would not dream of saying which category the Rainbow Alliance falls into, but the group, which ran Bridgend County Borough Council for four years until it lost power last May, is being reformed.

The original Alliance consisted of Liberal Democrats, Conservatives and Independents.

Since last year's elections, the parties have remained separate and, following some defections from the Liberal Democrats, the Annibynwyr Independent group, led by Jeff Tildesley, has become the official

opposition. It has nine members, plus the support of Plaid's Malcolm James.

But it will now be outnumbered by the Rainbow Alliance, which will have 14 members - seven Lib-Dems, six Conservatives and Independent Peter Evans.

Coun Cheryl Green said that it had been decided to take this action because it was important for there to be strong opposition to the Labour administration - "in the interests of the people of the borough".

She said: "We have decided to unite to provide a robust and unambiguous opposition.

"This has been agreed following lobbying by members of the public asking how the Annibynwyr group could be regarded as opposition, when the majority

of them are former Labour councillors and support Labour on most votes."

The move has been approved by both Conservative and Liberal Democrat groups, which will continue to meet separately, as well as holding a joint group meeting every month.

Coun Green will be informing the council of this new grouping, but it will make no difference to the allocation of seats on the scrutiny and other committees.

The chairs of these committees are elected at the council's annual meeting, and Labour members took part in the voting process at the recent meeting.

This resulted in a chair each for the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives, with Annibynwyr getting two and the newly-formed

Democratic Independents, led by Bob Burns, also having a chair.

The GEM was unable to contact Coun Tildesley for a comment. **JAYNE ISAAC**

PROTESTS GAIN GROUND OVER REST BAY CAMPER VAN SCHEME

PLANS to open a site for camper vans at Rest Bay have aroused opposition within Porthcawl.

Bridgend County Borough Council's cabinet is due to get a report next week, recommending that provision be made for camper vans in the resort.

The report states that the council initially investigated this three years ago, after complaints about overnight parking of these vans along the Eastern Promenade.

The report says that officers have investigated a number of other sites, including Sandy Bay (which used to have facilities for caravans and camper vans until it was closed nine years ago by the council), Hillsboro Place car park and The Green, alongside The Portway.

The report says that camper vans need access

to fresh water and waste water tanks, and hard standing is better than grass because vehicles churn up the pitches in wet weather. Many also require an electrical hook-up.

After ruling out the alternatives, the report says that Rest Bay and Sandy Bay would both provide attractive visitor locations.

The report says: "Rest Bay has long term viability with relatively low operational costs. Overnight occupation may also calm the occasional anti-social behaviour that occurs in the car park."

However, the report warns that there could be legal issues about using Lock's Common.

With regard to Sandy Bay, the report says that the facility already exists, although access and security fencing would have to be provided. The site can provide multiple overnight pitches and full hook-up

electricity supply.

However, the site is needed under phase two of the Porthcawl Regeneration Scheme, and would eventually be lost, leading the council to have to provide an alternative site.

The report said that only Rest Bay was not affected by the regeneration.

Officers claim that it would cost £32,000 to provide the site at Sandy Bay and £50,000 at Rest Bay. Revenue costs would be offset by income from the fees charged.

The report estimates that the council could make a profit of £3,000 a year at Rest Bay, but no profits elsewhere.

Porthcawl Civic Trust has sent letters to each cabinet member urging them to reject this report and instruct officers to seek ways of retaining part of the Sandy Bay site as a permanent camper van site.

Secretary Caroline

Vaughan said that they were appalled at the plan, which they feel would seriously damage the environmental quality of a very sensitive area along the coastline.

"Rest Bay is the jewel of Porthcawl and Lock's Common is a local nature reserve. Any attempt to develop a camp site within view of this wild, natural habitat would be considered tantamount to vandalism."

"The need for camper van provision was known long before 2006, and we are asking why this was not identified in the Porthcawl regeneration project and land allocated formally at Sandy Bay."

"It is not too late - the council can still allocate some of the Sandy Bay site, instead of letting it go for housing."

She added that the council had spent a fortune on consultants' fees but nobody had done anything about this basic

provision in a seaside resort.

Coun Jill Sweet, who represents Newton, said that the town council had suggested re-opening Sandy Bay over a year ago, but had never received a reply.

She said: "Sandy Bay is ideally located. It always was a caravan park and could be brought back into use quite easily."

"It's close to the facilities in Trecco Bay and also to shops. The council should never have closed it because it has just been left derelict for years and has lost millions in revenue to them."

She said that if the site was put in Rest Bay, people would have to drive their camper vans down to town to do their shopping or access facilities, as it was too far to walk.

Porthcawl Town Council is debating the proposal tonight (Thursday).

Attacker sought after Bryngolau flat assault

BRIDGEND police are appealing for witnesses after an assault at Bryngolau, Bridgend, shortly before 1am on Tuesday, June 2.

They said that a male knocked at the door of a flat and when it was answered, sprayed an irritating substance into the face of the resident.

"Police are keen to hear from anyone who may have seen anything unusual or suspicious in the area of the

Bryngolau flats in the early hours of Tuesday morning," said Detective Sergeant Paul Mason of Bridgend CID.

"This was a very unusual incident. It was an unprovoked attack, which is naturally very disturbing to the victim."

Anyone with information can contact Detective Sergeant Mason on 01656 679518, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Search for volunteers in Bridgend borough

BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations, together with 32 local voluntary and community groups, joined together to celebrate National Volunteers' Week, by holding a special volunteer information day in Bridgend town centre at the weekend.

Volunteer development officer Sharon Headon said:

"The event gave organisations the chance to highlight any volunteering opportunities they have available, as well as offer individuals a chance to find out how easy it is to volunteer in their community. Many still don't

know that BAVO hosts a volunteer centre in Commercial Street, Maesteg.

"Volunteers are the backbone of society and without them, voluntary and community organisations would not survive.

"Volunteers are involved in a diverse range of activities, such as managing projects, working in a charity shop, running a youth or community project, being a committee member of a voluntary organisation, being involved in a befriending project or children's playgroup, or an environmental project."

Telephone 01656 810400 for further information.

YouTube safety centre welcomed by local MP



Scott Rubin, senior manager global communications and public affairs Google, Luc Delany, European policy advisor Google and Victoria Grand, senior policy manager at YouTube with Madeleine Moon.

BRIDGEND MP, Madeleine Moon has welcomed the launch of the video-sharing website, YouTube's safety centre in the UK.

Aimed at teens, parents, teachers, and the broader YouTube community, the centre features safety tips and multimedia resources from experts and prominent safety organisations in the UK.

The centre also pro-

vides users of the website with a help and safety tool to manage their own online experience, with issues like cyberbullying, harassment, and hateful content on the site.

The MP explained: "I took up the issue of cyberbullying with YouTube after I received a complaint from a constituent, who had been deeply upset at a video and comments on the site.

"Cyberbullying

affects thousands of young people and I am pleased that YouTube have taken steps to combat this rapidly growing problem."

Built in partnership with community organisations like BeatBullying and the Internet Watch Foundation, the site also contains contact details and information on suicide provided by Samaritans.

College student dances to success at the Urdd

LUKE MORRISSEY, a BTEC National Diploma musical theatre student at Bridgend College, won first place in the individual disco dance under 19 competition at the national Urdd eisteddfod in Cardiff Bay.

The festival welcomed up to 100,000 visitors and 15,000 competitors – with the best of Wales' young people taking part in song, recitation, drama, dance, composing, poetry, arts and crafts competitions.

This is the first year that Bridgend College have competed at the eisteddfod. "It was an amazing experience, especially performing on the main stage in the Wales Millennium Centre. I had a fantastic reaction from the audience," Luke Morrissey said.

Sharon James, head of creative arts, praised Luke for his achievements, "Luke worked extremely hard on developing the choreography for his piece, and I am extremely pleased



Luke Morrissey, who won first place in the individual disco dance under-19 competition at the national Urdd eisteddfod

with his progress throughout the competition. His performance is testament to the high standard of dance training that students receive at Bridgend College."

Luke recently also won the Youth Service national dance solo competition, as well as being part of the winning duo and group competitions with other students from the BTEC National Diploma in musical theatre.

He is performing the role of Cowboy Bob in Bridgend College's production of 'Footloose'.

at The Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl from June 11-13.

Tickets available from box office on 01656 815995.

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Expenses: Don't stop at the MPs!

WHATEVER measures are installed to stop MPs from blatantly fiddling their expenses should not, in my opinion, stop at MPs.

All elected representatives should also come under the proposed strict rules.

I refer to MSPs, AMs and local councillors. They also avail themselves of taxpayers' money and should have their spending carefully monitored. Mary Walker, Pontyclun

OGMORE MP'S SURGERIES

OGMORE MP Huw Irranca-Davies will be holding a surgery in Llanharri on the afternoon of Friday, June 19 by appointment only.

To make an appointment and find out further details please ring the MP's Constituency Office and Advice Centre on 01656 737777.

'WHAT WINSTON REALLY SAID'

If you will forgive an Englishman writing to your newspaper, I would just like to point out that Carwyn Jones AM is, as usual for a politician, being economical with the truth (The GEM, May 21).

Sir Winston Churchill did indeed say: "We need to build

a kind of United States of Europe" – but he added:

"If asked to join, we should say 'nay sir', for we dwell amongst our own people."

Somehow the EU fanatics like Mr Jones always forget the second part of the quote. I wonder why?

Greg Heathcliffe (Press officer, UKIP, Swindon branch)

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PORTHCAWL PIANIST'S CONCERT FEATURES VENEZUELAN TALENT

THE rise and rise of Venezuela as a force in classical music is one of the stories of the last two decades – and now a Porthcawl-born concert pianist is bringing four friends to play at All Saints Church.

Rhodri Clarke, a former pupil at Porthcawl Comprehensive, is making a name for himself on the concert circuit, and is currently based in Holland.

He is bringing the 'Bolivar Soloists' to play in the Porthcawl church on July 2 (7pm), and he told The GEM how he came to get involved with them.

He said: "I was first invited to perform with the Bolivar Soloists in 2002. Most of us were studying in the London music colleges at that time. The group is a quintet for flute, violin, cello, double bass and piano and four of us are Latin-American."

"They are: Efrain Oscher – flute (Venezuela/Uruguay), Juan Gonzalez – violin (Venezuela), Pablo Berceles – cello (Argentina) and Hernan Matute – double bass (Venezuela)"

Rhodri continued: "You might think that a Porthcawl pianist to make up the five would be an unusual combination."

"However, having now been a member of Bolivar Soloists for almost seven years, I feel not only that I belong in the ensemble, but that I have been incredibly fortunate to



ABOVE: The Bolivar Soloists.
Porthcawl's Rhodri Clarke is the one on the right.

meet a group of such talented, exciting musicians; and to have the opportunity to perform music with them which has its roots directly in their culture.

"Recently, I was paid a great compliment by the guys when they said I sound like a Venezuelan when I play this music!"

Rhodri explained: "The concept for the group was devised by Efrain Oscher, our flautist. As well as his thrilling flute-playing, Efrain's unique compositions and arrangements of Venezuelan (and other Latin-American) music make up most of our repertoire."

In fact, Efrain has played in Porthcawl once before, with Rhodri when they performed at All Saints Church, to a packed audience.

Venezuelan music has had a lot of publicity recently, with the

Simon Bolivar Youth Orchestra taking Europe by storm, and their charismatic young conductor Gustavo Dudamel fast becoming one of the biggest names in the music world.

Rhodri said that, thanks to the Bolivar Soloists' unique sound, a recording contract with a high-profile record label is in the pipe-line. Meanwhile, they continue to make a big impression on the European and Latin-American music scenes.

Efrain Oscher added: "The repertoire in

which Bolivar Soloists specialise is full of exotic rhythms and original musical structures."

"We use not only the rhythms and styles of Venezuela, but also the Argentinean tango and Cuban salsa influences in our music."

Bolivar Soloists will perform a selection of their unique Latin-American music for one night only at All Saints Church, Porthcawl on July 2 at 7pm. Tickets are £10. Telephone 01656 786423 or 01656 784863 to book.

Two men sought after attack

POLICE in Bridgend are appealing for witnesses to a serious assault that took place on Morfa Street, Bridgend, at around 2.30am on Friday, May 29.

"A 25-year-old man was walking alone when he was attacked by two males and as a result, sustained serious facial injuries which required surgery at Morriston Hospital," a spokesman said.

Police are keen to trace an unknown male who was walking in Morfa Street just prior to the assault and may have been the subject of abuse

by these offenders. Detective Sergeant Paul Mason of Bridgend CID said: "This was an unprovoked and apparently motiveless attack on a young man following a night out in Bridgend town centre."

Anyone with information is asked to contact Det Sgt Mason on 01656 679518, or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

Local pupils cut the tape to open store



LOCAL schoolchildren turned VIPs to officially launch the £200,000 new look Co-op food store in Pontycymer.

Pupils from Ysgol Gynradd Gymraeg Cwm Garw and Ffaldau Primary School – Morgan Smith, Molly Roberts, Poppy Jones, Joe Owen and Zack Edwards – were presented with donations of £100 for each school's funds by store manager Paul Williams (pictured) to mark the occasion.

Art cheque

AT the recent exhibition held at the Princess of Wales, the Tondur and District Art Society were able to donate a cheque to the value of £280 to the children's ward.

The society was informed that the ward was purchasing new digital televisions to update the present analogue televisions for the individual cubicles.

Here children could be lying in bed all day, when the only thing they could do was watch television. So, well done to the society and let us hope that enough money can soon be raised to help these children.

The society meets on Tuesday evenings from 7pm-9pm at the Len Evans Centre, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig. The society encourages the following schools to attend their summer and winter exhibitions held at the Centre; St Roberts RC primary, Tondur primary and Panddy infants.

Members of the society have helped students at St Roberts with art practice. The society also helps judge the annual Christmas card competition organised by Newcastle Higher Community Council, for all local schools in their area.

The society is holding its summer art exhibition at the Len Evans Centre between June 12-16; and an exhibition at Cowbridge Town Hall between July 9-11.

SHOUT

forum

THE next meeting of the Ogmere Valley SHOUT Forum is to take place at the Welfare Hall starting at 2pm, when it is hoped to have a general debate with Wendy Brigg, a co-ordinator with Age Concern on financial problems, or issues brought on by old age.

There will of course be the usual tea and cakes and another general quiz.

If you require any information on any facility provided by the SHOUT forum; phone Carrie/Mark on 01656 840937/841479.

NORTH BRIDGEND NEWS

A message for all readers in the north of Bridgend who would like to have items included in the community news columns of The GEM:

If you wish to submit reports on any social activity in this region, please contact me.

I am very approachable and will endeavour to include every newsworthy subject.

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Hanging baskets

ST BRIDE'S Minor Community Council is to be praised for all the hanging baskets on the lamp posts, which are appearing throughout the area.

They do help to brighten up the environment.

Club

awards
ABERKENFIG Boys and Girls Club will be holding their annual presentation evening on Friday, June 26 at 7pm in the sports hall at Tondur Cricket Club.

This will be followed by a buffet and discotheque which will go on until late. The cost is £2 per adult payable at the door, which is inclusive of a strip of raffle tickets. All children who are members of the club have free entry.

Contact Mr G Pope on 07764499147 or Mrs G Williams on 07923699486/07877 849584.

Tynrheol Primary School,

Llangeinor
ON Wednesday, June 17 there will an ECO gardening day at the school and it is hoped the community will take part in helping the children brighten up the school grounds.

The school hopes to be able to work outside from 10am-3pm, but volunteers can help for whatever time they can spare. They would also appreciate donations of any low maintenance plants that can be spared and planted in the school gardens.

It is hoped that the school's sports day will take place on June 18 on Llangineir football club's field at 1.15pm, weather permitting.



ABOVE: Jean Peatling, (retiring treasurer), Ms Ahearne, ward manager (receiving cheque from Sheila Madge), chairwoman of Tondur Art Society.

Everyone is welcome to attend.

The school would appreciate the help of volunteers and donation of gifts for the school fete. Contact Miss Crowle on 01656 870245.

Turn on the Tap

AT the recent walk held in Panddy Park to raise money for providing clean water facilities for villages in Africa, the total money raised so far is £525.

If anyone would like to give a donation, contact Christine on 01656 647820.

Christian

Aid

I AM pleased to report that the total sum raised recently in the area towards this worthwhile charity is approximately £1,600, with outstanding amounts still to be collected.

Nature reserve
LAST Thursday, I watched pupils from Llangwydd primary school being taken around Parc Slip nature reserve by members of staff and volunteers of the Trust.

The smiles on the faces of these children as they studied creatures caught in their nets when they went pond dipping were lovely to see.

On Saturday, June 13, there will be a special family event at Parc Slip nature reserve visitor centre, Tondur.

"Quackers" will involve duck-themed events held between 11am-2pm.

The cost will be £1.50 per child. To book a place, phone Nicola on 01656 724100.

Understanding animals

I RECENTLY heard from Sue who has recently moved into the area from Dorset.

She and her husband are both highly qualified teachers and animal lovers. When they lived in Dorset, they used to take their animals to local primary schools where they instructed the children on animal and pet care.

They also did the same with a local young

offenders unit, retirement homes with persons who suffered with mental disorders, such as Alzheimer's disease. She says the impact with everyone was amazing and they greatly benefited from the friendship they got with these animals.

Sue is wondering if any organisations similar to those as listed above would be interested in her bringing animals along to help provide stability. Sue does not charge but would appreciate assistance with travel costs. She can be contacted on email mobilepetz@aol.com.

Hospital friends

THERE is a special concert being held in the cricket grounds on June 16, involving Maesteg and District Male Voice and Maesteg Children's Choir all money raised will be donated to the League of Friends at Maesteg hospital.

Exhibition
THERE will be an art exhibition with pictures submitted by members of Maesteg Art Society, on Friday, June 19 between 10am-6pm.

Members of the society are proud of the fact that their pictures are hung on the walls alongside those of Christopher Williams RA, who was born in Commercial Street, Maesteg on January 7, 1873.

In 1893 he won a free scholarship for three years' tuition at the Royal College of Art. In 1903 he exhibited an oil on canvas portrait of his father Evan Williams, together with the 'Orangery, Margam' at the Royal Academy.

In 1911 he was commissioned by King George V to paint the investiture of Edward, Prince of Wales at Caernarfon Castle. He also painted the first of three portraits of Lloyd George that summer; Lloyd George described Christopher as one of the greatest artists Wales had produced.

He died on July 19, 1934 and his ashes are scattered on the hillside at Llangynwyd.

PACT meetings

Wildmill – Thursday, June 11 at 6.30pm, Wildmill Community Centre.

Newcastle – Monday, June 29 at 7pm, Civic Office, (CBC) Angel Street.

Oldcastle – Wednesday, July 1 at 6.30pm, The Library, Brynteg Lower School.

Brackla – Thursday, July 2 at 6.30pm, Brackla Junior School.

Litchard and Pendre – Thursday, July 2 at 6pm, Coity Higher Community Hall.

Coity – Thursday, July 9 at 6.30pm, Gilead Chapel Hall, Coity.

Broadlands, Laleston and Merthyr Mawr – Thursday, July 30 at 7pm, Laleston Gardening Club.

Porthcawl Town Council NEWS IN BRIEF

PERMISSION has been given by Porthcawl Town Council for Newton Green to be used as a rendezvous point for people taking part in a family nature walk into Newton Burrows being organised by the Bridgend Group of the Wildlife Trust of South and West Wales.

This takes place on Sunday June 28 at 2pm. The organisation has been given permission to erect a small gazebo on the green which will have

an information stall inside.

THE cost of planting the flower beds on the Nottage roundabout will be more than £900, Porthcawl town council was told.

Members agreed to instruct Bridgend County Borough Council to proceed with the work.

THE annual summer fayre organised by St John's Church, Newton, will be held on Newton Green on Saturday, July 11.

Porthcawl Lions golf day boosts prostate charity

PORHCRAWL Lions held a golf day recently at the Grove Golf Club, and after a day's competition in the sun, a local prostate charity was a big winner!

The president of the Lions, David Richards, presented a cheque for £1,000 to the GLAZE charity, which raises cash for new treatments of prostate conditions in the Princess of

Wales Hospital.

The consultant urologist at the hospital, Mr Andy Thomas, received the cheque on behalf of GLAZE.

Mr Richards told The GEM: "GLAZE was the beneficiary of the raffle, which raised £300, and that was increased to £1,000 from funds already collected this year.

"In total, the day raised £2,000, and this will be distributed to local charities."



ABOVE: David Richards, president of Porthcawl Lions, presents a cheque for £1,000 to Andy Thomas, consultant urologist at the Princess of Wales Hospital.



ABOVE: Members of Porthcawl Lions with the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere, and her consort, Coun David Deere



LEFT: The team that came home in third place were the 'Comman Cheros'.



RIGHT: In second place were the 'Tantum Tornados'.

LEFT: The winning team were from South Wales Police



ABOVE: David Richards presenting John Stone with his award for nearest to the pin at a short hole.



ABOVE: David Richards presenting Mike Phillips with his prize for the longest drive.

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Match-making at Porthcawl U3A

PORHCRAWL'S University of the Third Age has another good reason to celebrate.

Members greeted the news that their vice-chairman, Rod Thomas, was to marry Linda Jordan, also a member of Porthcawl U3A, with great joy and were unanimous in their wish that the couple enjoy every happiness.

Rod is also well known locally as chairman of the Sandville Centre.

The news came at the end of May as members completed their visits to the Malvern Spring Flower Show, and also the well-organised, action-packed, group holiday to the north of Scotland, which included visits to Inverness and Fort William, as well as a spectacular rail excursion, and cruises on the lochs, including Loch Ness.

We are told that the visit was 'very educational'. Members learned to 'ride in cable cars, climb mountains, dance, compose poetry, talk about quantum theory

and laugh out loud'. What a holiday!

June will see members entertained by another thought-provoking talk on 'The life and work of Isambard Kingdom Brunel' as well as art exhibitions at the National Museum, Cardiff, and Llanfihangel Court, together with a cruise on the Brecon Canal.

Members will have noted that the special 'Singalong Group Summer Concert' will take place on June 26. A full house is anticipated so members are encouraged to arrive early to avoid disappointment!

Some members will be returning from an excursion to Stratford on Avon where they will be attending a performance of Shakespeare's *As You Like It*.

Most of the 34 interest groups will continue to meet fortnightly until the end of July.

You will need to travel a long way to find an organisation with more enthusiasm and vitality, which proves that life is not about age but attitude.

CLIVE MORT

Borough planning proposals

Mr Quang Truong – 32/34 Penybont Road, Aberkenfig – change of use from first floor function room into staff accommodation.
Mr D Baker – 1 Heol Mostyn, Village Farm Industrial Estate, Pyle – relax condition 1 of P/05/329/FUL to solicitors.
Mr R Willcox – Plot 8, land off Heol Dewi Sant, Bettws, Bridgend – erection of two three-bedroom semi-detached houses with two parking spaces per dwelling.
Mr H Lacey – 4 Albany Road, Pontycymer, Bridgend – proposed two storey extension to rear of property.
Anchormill Homes Limited – land at Dyffryn Oaks (Phase 4) off Hendre Road, Pencoed – renewal of P/06/550/OUT – erection of 19 dwellings.
Miss C Davies – land north of Penybryn Cottages, Bryngarn Road, Pencoed – gateway into field, raising of land and new stables.

Mr M Miah – 32/34 Penybont Road, Pencoed – change of use to restaurant and hot food takeaway.
Maesteg Welsh Junior RFC – Maesteg Welfare Park, Heol Ty Gwyn, Maesteg – siting of steel container for temporary storage use.
Mr R McLaggen – land at Merthyr Mawr House, Merthyr Mawr – convert listed buildings to office use, demolish shed and with office, new office unit and associated works.
Mr and Mrs Deere – 25 Hillside, Penyfa – alterations and dormer loft conversion.
Mr A Smith – The Old Police Station, Bethania Row, Ogmores Vale – proposed garage/workshop and stables.
M Freeta – 28 South View, Kenfig Hill – enclosed lean-to against existing bungalow.
Mrs D Pemberton – 12 Cheltenham Terrace, Bridgend – demolition of structures to rear and

erect new garage.
GBL Developments – Plot 14, Andrew Close, Tondur, Bridgend – detached four bedroom dwelling.
Mr M Mustoe – 12 Wyndham Crescent, Bridgend – extension to rear of property and loft space conversion providing additional living space.
Mr J Saunders – 16 Stonechat Close, Porthcawl – proposed first floor extension and access to same.
Mr N Gronow – 19A Haylffryn, Brynmenyn, Bridgend – proposed small garden shed.
Bridgend County Borough – land at former Sandy Bay Caravan Park, Porthcawl – use of land for car parking for a temporary period of five years.
Mr E Evans – The Coach House, Pen y Lan Farm, Aberkenfig – single storey extension to existing dwelling.
Sainsbury's Supermarkets Ltd –

Sainsbury's Supermarket, The Derwen, Bridgend – extension to supermarket with alterations to elevations, car parking layout and roof top plant.
Mr K Harris – 9 Heol Las, North Cornelly – Dove Cot, replacement garage/workshop, replacement goat house.
Mr G Owen – 12 Woodland Rise, Penyfa, Bridgend – two storey side extension.
Mr T Lewis – Crown House, 316 New Road, Porthcawl – demolish garden/courtyard wall and reconstruct new wall in different location, new paving finish to courtyard.
Mr S Hanford – 4 Clevis Hill, Porthcawl – new single garage.
Mr BJ Cosby – Parc View, Heol Spencer, Coity, Bridgend – remove requirement for fixed window in condition 1 of consent 08/381.

Retiring mayor goes on foot patrol with police



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ABOVE: This refuse in a lane behind Victoria Avenue is, surprisingly, outside the control of the enforcement officers, as it is on private property.

ONE of the last tasks of the outgoing Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl, Couns David and Gaynor Newton-Williams, was to go on a 'walk-about' with enforcement officers of the Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC).

They were accompanied by Coun Barbara Stubbs,

There are three full-time enforcement officers employed by the BCBC, plus six other officers with delegated powers.

The officers can issue fixed penalty notices ranging from £75 to £500.

The majority of penalties are £100, covering offences such as dog fouling, litter, graffiti and fly-posting on public property.



The Mayor and Mayoress of Porthcawl, Couns David and Gaynor Newton-Williams, Coun Barbara Stubbs, and enforcement officers Marshall Greer and Philip Ball. The party was joined later by Adam Jones, the principal waste management officer.

Paying tribute to the borough's 'invisible workforce' of carers

IN National Carers Week 2009 (June 8-12), Bridgend County Borough Council is reminding local carers of support that is available to them.

A carer can be any age and is someone who supports a family member,

partner or friend who cannot manage on their own, a spokesperson stated.

Three in five people will be carers at some point in their lives, but often face a lack of recognition, despite saving the UK economy an incredible £87 billion.

Carers Week aims to

highlight and celebrate their contribution, as well as inform those who are unaware of the services and benefits they are entitled to.

The council supports local carers by offering information, carers' assessments and support where necessary. In addition, the council provides

funding for a number of organisations and agencies that support and provide services for carers.

It provides social care services to over 4,000 adults and young people and of those, over 2000 will have carers supporting them.

Coun Lyn Morgan, cabinet member for Wellbeing, said: "I want to use National Carers Week to pay tribute to all the people of this borough who care for family and friends.

"Many face the difficulty of juggling their caring responsibilities with work or they have to give up their income and pension rights to look

after a loved one. They are, in many ways, an invisible workforce but one we could not do without. They deserve all our praise, thanks and support."

The Bridgend Carers' Forum, chaired by ex-carer Joyce Chatterton, is made up of carers and organisations that support them.

Joyce said: "Communication and support for carers is key, and the forum enables carers to talk through and share issues that they face on a daily basis."

Find out more about Carers Week 2009 by visiting www.carersweek.org

Mudiad Ysgolian Meithrin groups

MUDIAD Ysgolian Meithrin holds parent-toddler groups throughout the borough as follows:

Ti a Fi Jacanori
Llangeinor, Richard Price Centre Llangeinor - Monday 9.15am-11am;
Ti a Fi Dyddiau Hapus, Garth Welfare Park, Garth Maesteg - Monday 1pm-2.45pm; Ti a Fi Melin Ifan Ddu Blackmill, The Smithy Cafe, The Square, Blackmill - Tuesday 10am-12pm; Ti a Fi Aberkenfig, Len Evans Hall, Heol Persondy, Aberkenfig, - Tuesday 9.30am-12pm; Ti a Fi

Broadlands, Caffi Med Lounge, District Centre, Broadlands Bridgend - Tuesday 10am-11.30am; Ti a Fi Tabernacl, Tabernacl Church Hall, Elder Lane, Bridgend - Tuesday 12.45pm-2.15pm; Ti a Fi Dechrau Canu Betws, Life Centre, Betws - Wednesday 10am-11.45am; Ti a Fi Brynecethin, Rugby pavillion, Brynecethin - Wednesday 1.30pm-2.45pm; Ti a Fi Y Diwlith, Maesteg Sports Centre, Maesteg - Wednesday 10am-11.45am; Ti a Fi Cwm Garw, Ysgol GG

Cwmgarw, - Wednesday and Friday 11.30am-1.30pm; Ti a Fi Nantymoel, Berwyn Centre, Nantymoel - Thursday 9.15am-11am; Ti a Fi Plant Bach Sarn, Sarn Community Centre, Merfield Close, Sarn - Thursday 12.45pm-2.15pm; Ti a Fi Y Sger, Cornelly Integrated Centre, North Cornelly - Thursday 9am-11am; Ti a Fi Ar Lan Y Mor, All Saints Church Chapel vestry, Porthcawl - Friday 10am-12pm.

Contact number if needed is Lou Stevens-Jones on 07966 313609.

Dame Vera sends a message to Lili cast at Porthcawl

FORMER forces sweetheart Dame Vera Lynn had a special message for Anthony Childs-Cutler, co-producer of the musical *Lili* at the Grand Pavilion, Porthcawl, when he visited her recently.

Dame Vera offered her support for the production of *Lili* and asked him to pass on her best wishes to all the veterans in the Bridgend area.

She showed him photographs of her wartime tour to the India-Burma front in 1944. Among these was a photo taken in a field hospital just behind the lines at Kohima. The young ENSA entertainer had asked a badly wounded young man if he needed anything. He said a kiss would cheer him up and he duly received one.

Sixty years later, the kiss was re-enacted when Dame Vera met Burmese Major Neville Hogan at a reunion.

Dame Vera said that she wished she had a copy of this second photograph to place alongside the original. With the collective online skills of the cast involved in the production of *Lili*, the photo and original news story was found and has now been sent to Dame Vera.

Anthony commented: "The *Lili* show at the Grand Pavilion portrays five famous wartime singers. One of them was a spy - possibly a



Dame Vera Lynn kisses Neville Hogan - Picture courtesy of Steve Reigate (Daily Express).

double agent. Dame Vera denied, with a smile, that it was her but she was asked recently by a former member of the French resistance if she had ever included coded messages to agents in her popular broadcasts from London.

"Dame Vera couldn't be sure that she hadn't, as the shows were scripted and the text generally supplied to her.

"At any rate, there

would have been millions listening covertly to her programme. The same former resistance fighter told her that it had been his job to pedal the stationary bike that powered his group's radio receiver. After the main London news he would keep pedalling so that they could listen to the Vera Lynn show.

"It was a risky business. Anyone in occupied Europe caught listening to BBC broadcasts would be shot out of hand."

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MUSIC IN THE SUNSHINE SETS PORTHCAWL UP FOR SUMMER!

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SUMMER was officially declared last weekend in Porthcawl when local musical talent entertained at the harbour on a sun-baked Saturday afternoon and evening.

A scorching Sunday followed, ice cream sales soared and the lotion was liberally applied as the beaches filled up with sun lovers.

The music event is now a regular fixture, and this was the second year that Cosy Corner was the venue, with the acts playing on a stage near the Lifeboat Station.

It was organised by Porthcawl Town Council, and was opened at 2pm by the town's deputy mayor, Coun Mary Emmet Lewis. The master of ceremonies in the afternoon was Lee Jukes of Bridge FM, and Coun David Newton Williams was the evening compere.

The afternoon music featured younger musicians - a mix of groups and solo artists, with a dance performance from students at Bridgend College. The evening featured local choirs, and a Celtic group.

Opening the show in the afternoon were five pupils from Cardiff schools, 'Fewsion', who played jazz/blues standards, and featured lead singer Zoe Leggett, who does a mean Amy Winehouse impersonation.

Second on stage was Porthcawl Comprehensive School pupil Sarah Milligan, whose assured stage presence and strong voice belies her years. Drawing on songs from the 1960s to the present day, she performed a varied programme that deserved a bigger audience.

There were, of course, some other attractions on Saturday. The British Lions played their tour opener, and there was the FA Cup final - not too mention the attractions of the beach.

I think it's fair to say that the young singers were all capable of playing to bigger crowds.

Next up were 'Who You Know', who described themselves as an alt-rock band, and who played an acoustic set.

Natalie Walters, a Bridgend College student, was next on stage, and has a strong Bonnie Tyler-type voice. She was also the first girl I have heard tackle macho classics such as Rod Stewart's 'Maggie May' and Free's 'All Right Now'.

'A State of Business' were next - another good band - and they were followed by 'The Stanley Band' from Porthcawl, who are building a strong local following with their (as the programme put it) "indie rock tunes that are perfect for getting your dancing shoes on"!

The final act of the afternoon session - and almost a link to the evening music - were Allegro, a vocal group specialising in more modern tunes, but in a choral style.

Song of the afternoon was 'The Zutons' (though made famous by Amy Winehouse) hit 'Valerie', performed no less than three times by different groups.

The evening performances featured the Porthcawl Male Voice Choir, young harpist Stephanie Chick, Porthcawl Choral Society, the Celtic music enthusiasts, Shenanigans, and Col Canto.

Due to a prior engagement, I am unable to say how many of these acts sang 'Valerie' - but I'd love to see Porthcawl Male Voice Choir tackle it!

PHILIP IRWIN



ABOVE: Fewsion, who opened the show, with afternoon compere Lee Jukes (left).



ABOVE: As it says on the drum kit, this is the Stanley Band.



BELOW: 'Gyrate' - a street dance group from Bridgend College entertained during the afternoon.



RIGHT: The close harmony group 'Allegro.'



BELOW: The deputy mayor and consort get carving at the hog roast.



BELOW LEFT: Porthcawl Choral Society sang during the evening half of the musical programme.

BELOW RIGHT: Getting in some practice for the Elvis festival.



New lifeboat joins sea rescue drama



Porthcawl RNLI's new Atlantic 85 lifeboat – a sea rescue.

Porthcawl's new Atlantic 85 lifeboat was called into action for the first time after two men found themselves drifting out to sea in strong winds.

Their attempt to take it in turns to swim ashore failed, so both sat in their dinghy and awaited help. The pair then used their mobile phone to dial 999 and Swansea Coastguards mounted a search operation.

Porthcawl RNLI responded, and so did the Atlantic College RNLI lifeboat. The Mumbles all-weather RNLI lifeboat was also put on standby, and a rescue helicopter from Chivenor helped to locate the casualties.

Porthcawl RNLI lifeboat launched at 10.30pm in Force 5 conditions and choppy seas. The dingy and the men

were found by the night vision camera located in the helicopter from RAF Chivenor and both the Atlantic College and Porthcawl lifeboats arrived at the scene at the same time.

Chris Missen, an RNLI volunteer at Porthcawl said: "The sea conditions were quite severe for a small rubber dinghy with very little equipment on board.

"Both men were very pleased to see the lifeboat approaching. They were cold and frightened when they realised they couldn't

get back to the shore and the situation was serious.

"As we brought them back to the shore, both agreed they won't be taking to sea in the dinghy again."

The small vessel was recovered by the Atlantic College RNLI lifeboat and the casualties were taken to Ogmore beach, where an ambulance and Llantwit Major mobile coast-guard were waiting.

The two men were given a thorough check by paramedics but were found to be well.

Homes plan for former chapel

THE Jones and Skinner building firm of Ewenny Road, Maesteg, has lodged plans with Bridgend County Borough Council to demolish the former Hope English Baptist Church in Duffryn Road, Caerau.

In its place, it wants to build four two-bedroomed link houses.

KPC Youth charity gets £2,000 boost from power station staff

A LOCAL charity benefited recently when the AMEC/Alstom FGD project, based at Aberthaw Power Station, awarded KPC Youth a cheque for £2,000.

The cash was raised by their 'Cracked It' scheme, which encourages the workforce to help worthwhile causes

by working safely.

If a team works for 28 consecutive days without a 'lost time incident', it is able to nominate a local worthy cause to receive the donation.

KPC Youth, based in Pyle, works with young people aged eight-25 years, offering a wide range of diversionary activities, advice, and support, as well as training opportunities.

Members of KPC

Youth were delighted to receive the unexpected donation, and the money will be used towards keeping the project running and supporting the youth work team.

The KPC project director, Alison Mawby, commented: "KPC Youth would like thank all at AMEC/Alstom FGD project for supporting them and awarding them this fantastic donation!"

COUNCILLORS' EXPENSES ARE RELEASED

DETAILS of expenses claimed by borough councillors in Bridgend county have been released, and the figures show that 26 have not claimed anything for mileage or miscellaneous expenditure.

However, because all councillors receive a basic allowance, and because members with extra responsibilities also get extra, the total

bill to council tax payers over the financial year 2008/09 was £899,052.

A spokesman for Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) said: "All elected members were given a basic allowance of £13,030 for the year April 1, 2008 – March 31, 2009.

"In addition, some members received a special responsibility allowance (SRA) to reflect their additional work."

As a result of last May's election, some members' SRAs changed. The fact that, for instance, Coun Steve Smith received an SRA of just £576.50, or that Coun Megan Inglesant received an SRA of £288.33, reflects the fact that they lost the chair or vice-chair of a committee.

Similarly, councillors who were newly-elected in May received £11,944, representing 11 months in office. The BCBC

spokesman added: "The allowances scheme for 09/10, as recommended by the Independent Remuneration Panel for Wales, was last approved by full council on April 29, 2009.

"Those allowances may be viewed on: <http://www.bridgend.gov.uk/web/groups/public/documents/democracy/000133.hcsp>. Like any income, any allowance received by members is subject to all the usual taxes."

He added: "Members are entitled to claim expenses incurred in fulfilling their duties. The majority of the expenses are mileage, reimbursing councillors for the costs incurred in attending meetings of the council, or as representatives of the council.

"In addition councillors pay for all council computer equipment they use, and make a contribution to the cost of car parking."

MEMBERS ALLOWANCES 2008/09 (excluding former councillors)

Name of Councillor	Current Special Responsibility	SRA Allowance	Basic Allowance	Mileage	Misc Exp	Total
Cllr MEJ Nott	Leader of the Council	£31,370	£13,030			£44,400
Cllr D Sage	Deputy Leader	£17,643	£13,030	£569	£8	£31,251
Cllr Huw David	Cabinet Member	£15,253	£13,030			£28,283
Cllr Lyn Morgan	Cabinet Member	£16,118	£13,030	£62		£29,210
Cllr Alana Davies	Cabinet Member	£16,118	£13,030	£425	£15	£29,588
Cllr J Spanswick	Cabinet Member	£15,829	£13,030	£186	£7	£29,052
Cllr C A Green	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny	£11,838	£13,030			£24,868
Cllr R D L Burns	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny	£10,397	£13,030	£97		£23,524
Cllr Kim Watkins	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny	£8,955	£13,030	£173		£22,158
Cllr Norah Clarke	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny	£8,955	£11,944	£456		£21,355
Cllr Pat Hacking	Chair of Overview & Scrutiny	£4,989	£13,030			£18,019
Cllr M Gregory	Chairperson	£9,244	£13,030			£22,273
Cllr T Hacking	Chairperson	£5,970	£11,944			£17,914
Cllr C J James	Chairperson	£5,970	£13,030	£262		£19,262
Cllr R D Jenkins	Chairperson	£5,970	£13,030	£725		£19,725
Cllr H M Williams	Vice Chairperson	£5,970	£13,030			£19,000
Cllr E Dodd	Vice Chairperson	£2,986	£11,944	£108		£15,038
Cllr D Buttle	Vice Chairperson	£3,562	£13,030	£542		£17,134
Cllr M Thomas	Vice Chairperson	£2,986	£13,030	£752		£16,767
Cllr C Michaelides			£13,030	£58		£13,088
Cllr Peter Evans			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr E P Foley		5948.78	£13,030	£81	£3	£19,063
Cllr C Westwood			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr M Winter			£13,030	£100		£13,130
Cllr M Inglesant		288.33	£13,030			£13,318
Cllr M Wilkins			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr W H C Teesdale		864.83	£13,030	£332	£5	£14,232
Cllr J H Tildesley		576.5	£13,030			£13,606
Cllr Gerald Davies			£13,030	£227		£13,257
Cllr Michael Simmonds			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr K S Hunt		288.33	£13,030	£432		£13,750
Cllr B Quennell			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr K Deere			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr S Smith		576.5	£13,030			£13,606
Cllr Gary Thomas			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr D Brett			£13,030			£13,030
Cllr Clifford Hughes			£13,030	£10		£13,040
Cllr R Shepherd			£11,944	£160		£12,104
Cllr Richard Williams			£11,944	£368	£6	£12,318
Cllr C Davies			£11,944			£11,944
Cllr Edith Hughes			£11,944			£11,944
Cllr David Pugh			£11,944	£319		£12,264
Cllr Allan Jones			£11,944			£11,944
Cllr Robert James			£11,944	£238		£12,182
Cllr Megan Butcher			£11,944	£289		£12,233
Cllr Phillip White			£11,944	£554		£12,498
Cllr Patricia Penpraze			£11,944			£11,944
Cllr Mervyn Lewis			£11,944	£107		£12,051
Cllr Wayne Morgan			£11,944			£11,944
Cllr Mal Reeves			£11,944	£418		£12,362
Cllr David Edwards			£11,944			£11,944
Cllr David Unwin			£11,944			£11,944
Cllr Kenneth Watts			£11,944	£349		£12,294
		£208,663	£681,901	£8,397.45	£90	£899,052



RIGHT: Porthcawl singer Sarah Milligan kept the afternoon crowd entertained.

LEFT: Shenanigans brought their own brand of Celtic good-time music to the evening show.



VALEWAYS SUMMER WALKS

SUNDAY, June 14, 2pm, Barry-Pencoedre 'Tales of Dick Turpin', Meet at Lidl's car park, Pencoedre bypass. Contact Di and Linda 01446 749000.

Monday, June 15, St Mary Church and Llandough, meet at St Mary Church bus stop. Contact Alan 01446773422.

Saturday, June 20, 10am, Penarth 'Art walk - considering art outside the confines of the museum'. Meet at Penarth Lifeboat Station, Penarth

Promenade. Contact 07725 555623.

Sunday, June 21, 2.30pm, Highlight and Merthyr Dyfan Millennium Trail Part 1, Meet at Highlight Community Centre (behind Tesco), Barry. Contact Ruth 07800 9699157.

Monday, June 22, 7pm, Hidden Valley, Start at St Brides Major by cattle grid, on Ewenny Road. Contact Dave 07971 695780.

Tuesday, June 30, 1.30pm, Aberthaw Nature Trail, Meet at Blue Anchor Inn car park, Aberthaw. Contact Barbara 02920 596043.

Police plea after fatal road crash

POLICE are appealing for witnesses after the driver of a Citroen Berlingo car died on Saturday, June 6 near the blood bank of the Royal Glamorgan Hospital at Talbot Green.

The driver of the Berlingo a 74-year-old man from the Pontypridd area, was pronounced dead at The Royal Glamorgan hospital after his vehicle left the road.

South Wales Police Roads Policing unit are asking anyone who saw the vehicle leave the road to contact them on 02920 527226, or attend at the local police station.

Ty Hafan lottery draw winners

THE following are winning numbers in the Ty Hafan lottery draw number 569.

● £2000: 469597. ● £500: 663035. ● £100: 419776. ● £50: 261837. ● £10: 261837, 205674, 181778, 244606, 711755, 346322, 639217, 279663, 664897, 367625, 107314, 229448, 113863, 885720, 159971, 270843, 369883, 702337, 376529, 350588, 309676. ● £5: 574506, 585074, 892652, 325877, 841101, 224658, 467827, 323457, 746551, 790169, 304043, 749336, 312186, 650475, 365873, 160573, 348827, 766226, 125295, 504478, 687184, 393441, 660997, 673683, 389692, 267637, 571010, 167412, 567813, 315648.

The GEM cannot be held responsible for any errors or omissions contained in the above.

For lottery information please call telephone 02920 672062.

Carers deserve to be recognised says the Vale MP

VALE of Glamorgan MP, John Smith, is backing this year's Carers Week (June 8-14) in support of carers in the Vale who are among the six million people in the UK who provide unpaid care for a loved one who is ill, frail or disabled.

Mr Smith commented: "There are thousands of people in the Vale of Glamorgan who sacrifice their time - and often have to struggle on their health, finances, alone," he said.

Penarth coffee

ON Saturday, June 20, a coffee morning will be held at the Parish Hall, Albert Road, Penarth in aid of The Seafarers UK, an umbrella charity for all maritime personnel in need.

There will be a home produce stall and raffle. Admission 50p; entry for children free.

'Good food and no smoking is my secret' says May (100 years young)

PORHCRAWL resident Annie Mary (May) Williams celebrated her 100th birthday last week with family, friends and civic VIPs.

She received congratulatory cards from the Queen, the Welsh Assembly and the Welsh Office - as well as a bouquet of flowers from the Porthcawl Town Council presented to her by the Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere.

May was born on June 3, 1909 in Coedpen Road, Pontypridd, and said that she owed her longevity to determination, a robust constitution, good food and no smoking!

Picture by KEITH E MORGAN



Left to right:- Jacqueline Compton-Williams, daughter-in-law, Charlotte Compton-Williams, grand-daughter, Annie Mary (May) Williams, with bouquet of flowers, and Mayor of Porthcawl, Coun Rosemary Deere.

Safety first is the theme at Vale primary schools get-together

PUPILS from 12 Vale primary schools gathered at Barry Memorial Hall recently for one of the biggest children's events in the Vale Council's calendar.

The third annual Junior Road Safety Officers (JRSO) get-together saw over 60 Vale primary schoolchildren, teachers and helpers, attend to celebrate their achievements over the past year.

The day included demonstrations by a crew from Barry Fire Station, who showed the type of

equipment they use for rescuing people trapped in their vehicles, officers from South Wales Police Road Safety team with their squad car, as well as an actual crashed car scenario with dummies, hosted by South Wales Fire and Rescue personnel.

The event ended with a special performance from the Gregory Brothers' road safety and recycling roadshow, which has been touring Vale primary and special schools.

John Rogers, the Vale Council's JRSO scheme organiser said: "Yet again, the JRSO get-together was a huge success. I

would like to thank everyone for contributing to such a worthwhile event. The JRSOs were a credit to themselves and the schools they proudly represent and their energy and enthusiasm in spreading the word of road safety was simply amazing. Keep up the great work you are doing!"

The Junior Road Safety Officer scheme is run by the Vale Council's road safety team as part of a national scheme which empowers children to highlight road safety issues amongst fellow pupils, teachers and their local community.

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In the face of challenging headlines, OUR FOCUS MUST REMAIN FIRMLY ON THE VULNERABLE

DESPITE the changing and challenging headlines, for those of us in Government, it is vital to focus on the needs of those who are most affected by the economic downturn and support those who are at the frontline of services for our most vulnerable citizens.

Last week was Volunteers Week and I had a number of engagements which enabled me to congratulate volunteers who are the mainstay of a number of services.

Presenting SNAP Cymru with the Investing in Volunteers Award provided the opportunity to congratulate the volunteers who support children and young people with special needs.

There was no doubt that the volunteers gained great satisfaction from their important roles.

Some said they just wanted to help, for others, the volunteering provided the opportunity to gain skills and experience for future employment.

Support, mentoring, advocacy and information is provided by the SNAP Cymru volunteers who have a base in the HUB, Barry YMCA for Vale families.

At the event held to celebrate the achievements of the volunteers, I was able to update

those attending with the work we are doing to improve services for children with additional learning needs, particularly with the statutory assessment and statementing framework in Wales.

SNAP Cymru has consulted parents and carers to help us work on this area of policy to support and not impede them in securing services for their children.

This was brought home to me when I visited the Vale Dyspraxia Group meeting at Barry Hospital last Monday evening, to talk with parents about their concerns and anxieties – particularly in relation to the transition between primary and secondary school, the differing experiences of children with additional learning needs in the school setting and the support they receive.

We must deliver consistency based on best practice.

On Thursday evening, I congratulated another group of Vale Volunteers working for the Vale Mediation Service, providing a pioneering new service of mediation, to help deal with neighbour and other disputes that can blight lives unless handled sensitively and professionally.

These volunteer mediators are fully trained for their roles and the service has been instrumental in developing the 'mediator role' to great effect.

Vale Foster Carers, husband and wife team Geoffrey Phillips MBE, and Myra Phillips MBE,

were honoured at the first 'Recognising Achievement' ceremony last week at Caerphilly Castle, hosted by the First Minister, Rhodri Morgan AM.

In his welcome address, he said that the Welsh Assembly Government was introducing a new awards system alongside the UK Honours scheme, which allows us to show appreciation for 'what people from Wales achieve for themselves and for others'.

I know that foster carers play that vital role in supporting our most vulnerable children and young people, having met with the Vale Network and with the Director of the Fostering Network, Freda Lewis, last week.

Moving on through the week, the launch of the new CAB service provided by the Vale Citizens Advice Bureau in Llantwit Major, was another welcome opportunity to meet and thank the CAB volunteers who are much needed in this time of financial pressure on so many families in the Vale.

A call for more volunteers to come forward to work in the CAB was made, particularly in the western Vale, where the new service will be provided at Llantwit Major Youth Centre, Station Road between 9.30am-11.30am Mondays to Fridays.

At the eastern end of the Vale, Dinas Powys Voluntary Concern provides a vital role in the community with provision of volunteer trans-

port for shopping and appointments, information services and social contact, all reported at their AGM this week.

This week is also Carers Week, and I was delighted to join carers at Dyffryn Gardens on Tuesday for recognition of their care and support for their loved ones.

With our new powers in the Assembly we will be supporting a wide range of 'Welsh laws' to support the provision of care by carers and to promote the well-being of carers.

I shall also be welcoming Vale artist and carer, Sol Jorgensen, to the Senedd with her outstanding exhibition on her life as a carer, based on her own experience of caring for her son, Seth, following her exhibitions at Barry's Art Central and St Donat's Arts Centre earlier this year.

The lives and needs of young carers will also be featured this week by the Children's Commissioner at the Senedd, alongside this powerful exhibition.

Over a million people in Wales volunteer on a regular basis and the Assembly Government supports them in a number of ways, including the Millennium Volunteers providing new opportunities for 16 to 25-year-olds to volunteer.

ASSEMBLY NOTES



by Jane Hutt AM
(Minister for Children, Education, Lifelong Learning and Skills)

Carers are supporting their relatives and friends in every community in Wales backed by the carers strategy, which was one of the first funded programmes of the Welsh Assembly Government ten years ago.

We must thank and support our volunteers and carers in Wales this week.

Historic church launches appeal

AN appeal to restore the church of Merthyr Dyfan, built on the oldest Christian site in Wales has been launched by Vale AM Jane Hutt.

Around 180 AD, the Bishop of Rome sent two priests to Britain – St Dyfan and St Fagan. Historical records state that St. Dyfan, the founder of British Christianity, came to Barry and was buried there. 'Merthyr' is a corruption of the Latin 'Martyrium' – the burial place.

Although always known as Merthyr Dyfan

church, it is actually dedicated to St Dyfan and St Teilo. The church which Dyfan brought grew and was organised into the Church in Wales.

The appeal hopes to raise £25,000 for essential repairs, new drainage system and traditional lime plastering for the interior walls to prevent damp penetration damaging the ancient church.

Neighbouring schools Ysgol Maes Dyfan and Oakfield Primary use the church as an educational resource.

Much of the present church was built in 1250 AD, including most of the walls, the font, the base of the Preaching Cross and the stone altar.

"Witnessing to the Christian faith for some 2,000 years, the future of Merthyr Dyfan Church is now in the hands of our generation and it is hoped that everyone who would wish to ensure that this beautiful church can continue to maintain its unbroken record of Christian worship will give a donation to the appeal, Ms Hutt said.

Donations to support the appeal can be sent to the Rector, Father Robert Parrish, Merthyr Dyfan Rectory, 10 Buttrills Road, Barry. Telephone (01446) 735943 or can be handed in at the morning service which is held every Sunday commencing at 8.45am.



Merthyr Dyfan parishioners with Jane Hutt AM.

Dogs Trust seeks a caring home for its lovable Casper

The GEM has joined forces with the Dogs Trust to find caring new owners for animals at its Bridgend Rehoming Centre (Telephone: 01656 725219)

CASPER is a 6-year-old Lhasa Apso. He came into us as a stray, so we do not have any background information on him.

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ABOVE: Caspar.

right home who will give him the time and patience he needs, and in return will make a lovely little companion.

If you would like more information on Casper, or any of the other dogs, visit the Dogs Trust Rehoming Centre in Court Colman, Pen-y-fai, Bridgend or phone on

01656 725219. Casper and some of his friends are on our website which is at www.dogstrust.org.uk, (click on Rehoming).

The Dogs Trust Bridgend's summer fete and fun dog show takes place at Margam Country Park, on Sunday, June 12 at 11am-4pm!

Lions Clubs get together for a Charter night

FRIDAY night saw Barry Lions Club's 28th Annual Charter Night at the Mount Sorrel Hotel.

Joining Lions President, Nanette Langford, were the District Governor, Surinder Mahotra, Past District Governor Bob Gosling, and the presidents of the Lions Clubs of Maesteg, Porthcawl, and Llantwit Major & Cowbridge together with many of their members and ladies.

After an excellent dinner and a few short speeches, the guests were entertained by cabaret artiste Maria Lynn, followed by dancing until midnight.

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SHOPPERS at Bridgend Designer Outlet were treated to free fashion advice recently at mini 'style clinics' – where they had a chance to have a free one-to-one consultation with a fashion expert.

A spokeswoman said: "They were able to discover the key looks that best flatter their shape and colouring."

A series of fashion shows, organised by Llantwit Major resident, Silke Casey, also took place in the shopping mall, where professional models from every age group and size bracket took to the runway to showcase the latest summer looks on a budget.

The 20-minute fashion shows took place four times each day over the weekend.



'Well red' councillors boost two charities



ABOVE:

Coun David Sage, deputy leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, congratulates Coun Clive James and Coun Reg Jenkins

COUNCILLORS Clive James and Reg Jenkins raised £1,370 for charity recently – by dying their hair red.

With the aim of boosting children of Chernobyl and Red Nose Day, they visited Studio A in Kenfig Hill for their radical transformation!

Deputy leader of Bridgend County Borough Council, Coun David Sage, said: "I would like to thank both councillors for their efforts in raising money for these worthy charities."

"It is especially nice to see them taking such an adventurous approach to their fundraising – in fact, I rather think the red hair suited them!"

Donations can be made on 01656 741160 or 871504, or call into Prince Road Post Office, in Kenfig Hill, to support the cause.

Council's £5,000 grant for park youth project

A YOUTH project in Porthcawl has been given £5,000 by the town council.

The Griffin Park Youth Project, which is run by the Bridgend county youth service, operates from the hall at the park and has 140 members.

It is open three evenings a week and Saturday lunchtimes. It is also used in the day-time by agencies working with young people who are either excluded from school, or who are not in employment, education or training.

The council heard that of those being helped, 67 young people live in Porthcawl itself.

The centre is also used by drug, alcohol and counselling service-

es, and Wallich Clifford is hoping to help young people there who have difficulties with housing.

The council gave them £5,511 last year to fund the centre opening on Friday evenings and Saturday mornings.

The group asked for £6,309 – the same sum as last year, plus £598 to cover an overspend on their budget.

However, the town council decide to limit its contribution to £5,000 after looking at its budget.

Council leader David Deere said: "We are happy to give £5,000, because we feel that it may be helping to get young people away from drugs, vandalism and anti-social behaviour."

Helping residents get fair share of council tax benefits

DR BRIAN GIBBONS AM paid a visit to Bridgend County Borough Council (BCBC) last week to hear of work being done by the council's tax benefit take-up team.

BCBC's overall case-load has increased by nine per cent since April 2008 and, according to the Welsh Assembly Government, £100m of council tax benefits goes unclaimed each year.

Bridgend has received a share of £1m from WAG to promote housing and council tax benefits.

Coun Huw David, cabinet member for resources, commented: "The team have been very successful in encouraging residents, from pensioners to young people who have lost their jobs, to claim the benefits to which they are entitled and are often missing out on."

"Especially in the current economic climate, it makes sense to check your entitlement to benefits such as this."

Dr Gibbons said: "We recognise that the recession puts extra pressure on families and individuals and we are doing all we can to help people cope."

"There are a range of barriers preventing people from claiming, from lack of knowledge and understanding, to the process of claiming being seen as too complex."

"A third of all pensioners are potentially entitled to receive this benefit, and the team at the council are working hard to break down these barriers and help people

to claim what is essentially theirs."

Dr Gibbons said: "We recognise that the recession puts extra pressure on families and individuals and we are doing all we can to help people cope."

"The economic downturn has meant that more people are now entitled to benefits, but some of them may not be aware of this."

"I applaud the way that councils such as Bridgend are working to increase the take up of benefits"



ABOVE: Dr Brian Gibbons, AM, with the borough benefits take-up team.

Homes & Gardens

Growing your own is on the up and up...

THE popularity of growing your own food is ever-increasing at the moment, and the Vale Council has agreed to find more space for allotments in Barry.

Last week, a recommendation to create community allotments on available space in the Pencoedre area of Gibbonsdown was passed by the cabinet.

The allotments will be at the site of the old 1-6 Pencoedre allotments, and the cabinet will be asked to enter into a lease with a local community group formed by local residents, the Communities First Peoples Allotment Group.

The group has developed a plan to re-fence the site, install a cabin and cultivate the plots so that they can be brought into active use.

With demand still high elsewhere in the Vale, a further report to cabinet members, which will consider full allotment provision within the Vale is currently being compiled.

HOW TO TACKLE JAPANESE KNOTWEED IN YOUR GARDEN

LOCAL gardeners are being offered advice on how to tackle a persistent enemy – Japanese knotweed.

Often found growing in gardens, along rivers, woodlands and even in car parks, this invasive plant forms thick, dense colonies that completely crowd out any other herbaceous species.

A council spokesman stated: "Care should be taken when dealing with Japanese knotweed.

"It is a criminal offence to cause it to spread, and very small fragments of shoot or root material can give rise to a new infestation.

"It is the duty of the landowner to treat Japanese knotweed on their land if it is growing onto neighbouring land."

The Bridgend County Borough Council has joined forces with the Llynfi Rivercare Group, Environment Agency Wales and Keep Wales Tidy, to offer the following advice to anyone who discovers a small infestation in their garden.

- Japanese knotweed is classed as controlled waste under the Environmental Protection Act (1990) and can only be disposed of at a licensed tip, with a licence from the Environment Agency Wales.

- If you intend to manage Japanese knotweed without the use of herbicides, please contact the Environment Agency Wales for advice.

- NEVER place cuttings of Japanese knotweed into compost.

- NEVER dispose of Japanese knotweed as green waste.

- You should spray Japanese knotweed with herbicide at the end of the growing season, just before the plant dies back in early September. Spraying should be carried out in calm, dry conditions, when no rain is expected for 24 hours after spraying.

Herbicide treatment earlier in the season will not be effective. A follow up spray may be required to kill off the remaining shoots.

- If you are spraying within 10 metres of a water-course, approval is required

from the Environment Agency Wales.

- Glyphosate is a chemical commonly used to treat knotweed which can be found in certain herbicides.

Care should be taken when spraying with glyphosate, as it will kill any plant that it comes into contact with. If you are treating an area near water, only

use products which are specially formulated for an aquatic environment.

Anyone who discovers a larger infestation of Japanese knotweed will need to seek professional advice.

Call the Environment Agency Wales on 08708 506 506, or Bridgend council on 01656 643160.

A look at what's in store at Leekes

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Taff Trail cyclists raise £3,263 for charities

OVER a dozen staff from the Vale Council have raised £3,263 for the Brain Research Trust and the Marie Curie hospice in Penarth, after completing a charity bike ride.

Cycling with friends who were keen to join the challenge, they tackled a 35-mile section of the Taff Trail from Pontsticill Reservoir in the Brecon Beacons National Park down to Cardiff Bay.

With varying cycling experience and ability, the riders all set off together, some on new bikes bought specifically for the event, others on borrowed bikes, and a few on trusty (rusty) old beasts that they found hiding in the shed!

Event organiser Linda Ruston said: "The riders stayed close together,

spurring each other on, before they spread out once Cardiff was in sight.

"Everyone made it in one piece, although there were a few wrong turns along the way! We are delighted to have raised lots of money for two really worthwhile charities, and the ride was so much fun that we are going to make it an annual event."

The Brain Research Trust provide funding for research into neurological diseases and conditions such as Alzheimer's, brain tumours and autism, while the Penarth hospice provides specialist care for people with cancer and life-limiting illnesses.

People can donate online at www.justgiving.com/tafftrail-mariecurie or www.justgiving.com/tafftrail-brainresearch.

Where were main UK parties in Euro elections?

I HAVE just returned from exercising my right to vote in the European elections, and what a surprise I had when I entered the polling booth.

On the ballot form was a list of 11 political parties, some of which I had never heard of, with 44 candidates.

The only name I recognised was that of Arthur Scargill, and he wasn't standing. Who or what should I vote for? Should I take the election seriously?

My new MEP will be rewarded with a very large salary, and huge expenses, for doing not a lot. How can I be sure that I am voting for the best candidate?

Normally at election times we are inundated with propaganda from the parties anxious for our votes.

This time, I had leaflets only from the BNP, UKIP, and Plaid Cymru. Where were the Conservatives, Labour and Lib Dems and Others. (all you notice in alphabetical order)?

How could I make up my mind? In America, they once had a Know Nothing Party. How do I join?

Do the politicians have something they think is more important monopolising their attention.

Something to do with corruption in the Commons and Lords?

Pages in The GEM recently have shown dissatisfaction with the expenses of Vale coun-

cillors. At even more local level, there is trouble in the Llantwit Major Council chamber as party politics has now found a place and recriminations have begun.

The Llantwit Major Independents started as a breakaway from the Conservative Party. Are the Tories now intent on revenge?

Coun Gwyn John is correct when he says that politics is – or has become – all about obeying the party line, but it was not always thus.

Politics is about principles and service, not about ambition and changing sides, and not about making money.

Vivian Kelly, Boverton

Barrivale news

TWO Barrivale members, Noelle Bond and Kay Dyer, won the Welsh Bridge Union Ladies, pairs championship held at Pen y Bont on Saturday, June 6.

Latest results from Barrivale:

June 2: first, Irene Thomas and Graham Jones 61.90 per cent; second, Mike Best and Mike Close 60.71 per cent; third, Lyn Matthews and Alan Jones 58.33 per cent.

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New radio station gives their young visitors a VIP tour



ABOVE: The children with their teachers along with Steve Powell, station manager, and Jan Gray his assistant.

BRO Radio recently gave a big welcome to children from Gibbonsdown Children's Centre Playscheme.

Gill Munroe and Julia John from the centre had asked to come along and bring the children to witness behind the scenes action at the station.

The children were given a VIP tour by station manager, Steve Powell, who invited the children to take part in the drivetime show with volunteer presenter Lee Mac.

The children were interviewed on air and sang along with Queen's 'We Will Rock You'. The visit ended with a chip lunch at the YMCA Hub café.

Steve Powell said: "We were delighted to have the children with us and they were very well behaved."

"They were interested in what we do here at BRO Radio and I am sure we may have some future volunteers."

For more information about BRO Radio station visits, call Jan Gray on 01446 420 681.

VALE GARDENS ARE OPEN FOR CHARITY

PROUD gardeners in the Vale are opening up their private pride and joy to raise money for charity, as part of the National Gardens Scheme.

One village that is playing a major part is Penmark, where five gardens will be open to the public on Saturday, June 20, between 11am and 5pm.

Cynthia John, who is co-ordinating the Penmark effort, told The GEM that she thought that the village would be putting on a fine show.

She said: "Last year, we had four gardens open, and it was a great success."

She added that the official 'yellow book' brochure had listed six gardens, but that one had had to drop out due to building work. The gardens are within a one-mile circular walk, but transport is available as well.

Two days before, on June 18, Diana Mead of Penarth will be opening her garden for the same cause.

Diana told The GEM: "My garden (at 77 Coleridge Avenue, Penarth) is small but shows how with imagination and planning

even the smallest plot can be attractive and productive.

"It is three small, individually-designed linked plots - cottage style front, vegetable and fruit side and sunny rear."

Diana has taken part in this charity day twice before. She said:

"Previous visitors will remember the restricted apple and pear trees, all fruiting this year, including the step-over apples I grafted and trained myself - great excitement!"

"There will also be an art exhibition, and Jill Colman will be displaying her distinctive pottery in the studio and garden. There will be paintings, prints, greetings cards (including a new larger range) and pottery for sale - plus a good selection of plants."

Diana added: "The garden is looking good - despite the recent torrential rain! And I am looking forward to welcoming old friends and new visitors alike."

This Sunday (June 14) just north of the Vale in Pentrych, six small to medium gardens will be open, all within easy walking distance of each other, from 11am - 6pm.



ABOVE and BELOW: Gardens in Penmark. (Photographs by Mike Wilcock).



WEA fun day in Penarth

A WEA fun day at the Kymin, Penarth, will offer craft taster sessions on Monday, June 29.

These include flower arranging, hand massage and aromatherapy, as well as a tombola stall and others selling home produce and crafts.

The fun day (11am-3pm) will be supported by Workers Education Association branches from Barry, Bridgend and Cardiff, and will raise funds to support further local classes, as well as events at Ferryside, near Carmarthen.

Ghana fun day

A TOTAL of 26 riders took part in the HopetoGhana sponsored bike ride on the Taff Trail - and riders raised £2,000 by completing 25 miles.

The money raised will go towards the target of £10,000 to build three new classrooms for a school in Ashaiman in Ghana, West Africa.

The next HopetoGhana fundraising event will be a fun day on June 27 at St Cyres school, Penarth, from 12noon-4pm. Everyone is welcome! £1 entrance fee.

All the money raised will go towards the Ghana project.



Diana Mead's garden in Penarth.

Baruc Choir helps raise £2,000 for children's trust

BARRY bank employee Ailsa Lloyd from Barry recently organised a pro-life soiree to raise funds for the Society for the Protection of Unborn Children's educational and research trust.

The evening raised £2,000, which was matched £ for £ as part of the Barclays community investment programme.

Janet Thomas from SPUC Educational and Research Trust said: "We are trying not only to raise funds for the pro-life cause but also to remind our community of the sanctity of life from conception to natural death."

"The money raised will be used for training speakers to educate young people, in schools, about the development of the unborn child."



ABOVE: The Baroc choir sing for charity - and helped to raise £2,000 for the trust.

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30 YEARS ON, THE LLANTWIT MAJOR PANTOMIME SOCIETY'S 'DAME' TAKES NOSTALGIC LOOK BACK

GEOFF MORTIMER current treasurer of Llantwit Major Pantomime Society, is celebrating 30 years in pantomime this year.

Geoff joined the society in 1979, after he moved into the area in 1978 with a promotion

in his employment. He was no stranger to 'treading the boards' as, before he crossed the border into Wales from Burton-on-Trent in the Midlands, he was a leading actor with a local drama group.

His claim to fame during this period was playing a 75-year-old man at the tender age of

17: "Many of the audience could not believe I was so young until they met me without my make-up!" Geoff told The GEM.

On settling down in Llantwit Major, he first joined the drama group - Llantwit Major Amateur Dramatic Society, but was soon persuaded by some of the members of this society to join the Pantomime Society, where some of the drama group were already members.

His first pantomime was *Aladdin* when he

played the part of Wishy Washy. He then went from strength-to-strength, and was soon to become regularly cast as the dame in many pantomimes.

At the time of joining, the pantomime cost under £1,000 to stage, but due to inflation and rising costs, this figure has risen to around £7,500.

His late wife, Jenny, had already joined the society as a chorus member the year before and she also became a stalwart of the society,



Geoff Mortimer.

directing pantomimes on five occasions and offering her services as Prompt, a task at which she particularly excelled. Sadly, Jenny passed away in January this year.

While Geoff had to stand down from close contact with the society during 2008, due to his wife's illness, he now feels he needs to get involved with the society more than ever in order to try to fill the void left by his wife.

"When I joined the society all those years ago, the members were mostly of a similar age but, while we had a good number of members to draw upon, things started to get more and more difficult as the years passed. It is all very well playing a 75-year-old man at 17, but it is nigh on impossible the other way round," Geoff quipped. "The older generation still have a part to play in society affairs, but none of us are getting any younger so we have to use our talents in other directions like costumes, front of house duties and other tasks

that don't put too much strain on our mature bodies!" he added.

Geoff told The GEM that the society were always looking for new blood to get involved, be it backstage, front of house, administration, or as a budding actor or actress.

The pantomime this year is to be *Sleeping Beauty* and has been written by Graham Beckwith, a member of the society, who first went on stage at the tender age of 8 or 9.

The society intend to hold a 'Meet and Greet' evening in Llantwit Hall, Llantwit Major on Saturday, August 22 at 7.30pm when an outline of the pantomime will be given, including a preview of all the songs to be performed.

Prospective members are cordially invited to come and meet the gang ("most are a bit mad!"), have a bite to eat and a drink at the bar which will be available. There is no admission charge, so no excuses for not coming along, Geoff said.

The society has an active social side and events are planned for the whole year.

They will also be running a stall at the Victorian Fayre day when members will be dressed in costume, persuading members of the public to throw wet sponges at one of their group in a pillory.

"They will even allow the public to insist that members of their own family should spend five minutes in the pillory - for a small charge of course!"

"The Pantomime Society is the best organisation I have ever

joined and I would recommend it to anyone for enjoyment and a sense of fulfilment. We bring joy and laughter to around 1000 residents of Llantwit every year and I get a real buzz from

that feeling when we have put on a good show," concluded Geoff.

If you wish to talk to Geoff about the society or any future events, he can be contacted on 01446 796620.



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All roads lead to Llantwit Major for that eagerly-awaited Victorian Fair

LLLANTWIT MAJOR'S Victorian Fair, one of the major outdoor events in the Vale over the years – will be the centrepiece of this summer's attractions in the town.

Held every two years, it is being staged on

Saturday, June 20, when once again the streets will be lined with stalls, selling a variety of sweets, crafts and other traditional goods.

The event will be officially opened at 10.30am by the Mayor, Coun Russell Downe, from the steps of Llantwit Town Hall.

The fair takes over the town for the day, and

most of the roads leading into the old town will be closed from 8am.

The Town Hall car park will house a fun fair and stalls, and there will be more stalls in the car park at the Old School.

Stalls will then line East Street, linking the old town with the new shops at Boverton Road, which will also be closed to traffic.

There will be stalls inside the Precinct, and chairman Janet Moisan said they were grateful to Mr Ian Hunt for allowing this to happen.

Throughout the day, there will be various activities and street entertainment.

Stage Door One are presenting a performance, and Major Music are also putting on a show. These will be at the stage area in

Boverton Road. At 11.30am, a group of 'laydees' (alias a group of local rugby players!) will set off from the stage on a charity cycle ride around the town.

At 3pm, there will be a tug of war between local teams – again on Boverton Road.

Old fashioned sequence dancing takes place from 2pm-4pm inside Llantwit Major Rugby Club, when the dancers will be in period costume.

"We hope lots of people will dress up," said Mrs Moisan. "We know that the stall holders will do, but it's nice when the visitors also join in."

"It makes for a great atmosphere – just dust off granny's shawl or whatever, and join in the fun!"

A photographic competition is also taking

place, starting from the Town Hall. People are given clues and have to follow a trail and take a picture at each stop. Their photographs are judged later.

In addition, street entertainers, including stilt walkers and balloon modellers, will mingle with the crowds.

"Many of the charities taking part will be putting on side shows, like throwing a wet sponge and other games for the children," Mrs Moisan explained.

"We hope that there will be plenty for the children to do, as well as entertainment for all age groups."

Lots of charities take a stall at the fair in order to raise money or promote their own good cause. Other organisations taking part include Llantwit Major

Comprehensive school.

The fair does not aim to make a profit and the fees charged to stall holders are used to cover the running costs and things such as insurance.

Car parking in the town will be limited, although the Precinct car park remains open.

Many of the others will be inaccessible to cars because of road closures. "We encourage local people to walk into town and we hope visitors will come by rail. Thousands of people attend this event and we are hoping for even more this year," she commented.

The Victorian Fair has been part of the calendar in Llantwit for more than 20 years and over this period it has had some ups and downs.

"We are building it back up again. This is a great day out for the family and a chance to attract people into our lovely town, which dates from the fifth century."

"Llantwit has some fabulous old buildings and a fantastic heritage, as well as modern shops."

"The stalls will also give people a chance to buy something a little bit different, or special," Mrs Moisan concluded.

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TALENT shows are all the rage at the moment, and a Llantwit charity is organising a special one in the perfect setting of St Donats Arts Centre.

The event will give the opportunity to musicians at whatever level – young and old alike – to take to the stage and perform before a live audience.

The Llantwit Major-based charity, Major Music, in partnership with St Donats Arts Centre, will be promoting the 'Vale's Got Musical Talent' on Friday, July 17.

Phil Kirkham, the chairman of the Major

Music, explained that this event was open to all types of musical talent.

Phil said: "We are looking for a wider cross section – ranging from individual singers and musicians, bands, classical, rock, or 60s music".

Local businessman, trustee and mentor with Major Music, James Emery, said: "As a result of our work with Major Music, we are lucky enough to encounter some incredible young people with a real passion for music."

"I can't wait to see what the wider Vale will show us on the night. I'd urge everybody to get behind the event as I'm sure it will be a better!"

Application forms and more information for the event are available by contacting Phil on 01446 792543, or James on 07966 281804.

Tickets for the event (priced at £4) are available direct from the arts centre on: 01446 799100; or locally in Llantwit Major at Chris Williams opticians, or again by contacting either Phil or James.

Anyone wishing to support the work of Major Music at its weekly workshops, or who could sponsor in any way, should contact Phil or James for more information, or leave a message on the website guest page at www.majormusic.net



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Who wants to build what and where in the Vale?

Mr Robert Maloney – 16 Anchor Road, Penarth Haven, Penarth – extension of existing balcony to north, east and west elevations. Mr Mario Christou – Balmoral House, Balmoral Court, Barry – single extension to the rear; roof and dormer extension over garage. Mr K Sullivan – Holm View, Sully Road, Penarth – two storey extension to rear.

Bridgend County Borough Council – Ogmere Residential Centre, Hazelwood, off Main Road, Ogmere By Sea – demolition of existing buildings and redevelopment of site for residential purposes. Newydd Housing Association – vacant land at corner of Court Road and Newton Street, Barry – amendment to planning permission 2007/01520/FUL

comprising minor alterations to four townhouses as approved and variation to flats. Mr Neil Gregory – Nay y Deri, St Lythans – proposed new conservatory. Mr Mark Hamilton – Ash Tree Lodge, Llandow Village – construction of gable extension and new dormer to front elevation and provision of pitched roofs over existing dormer and

porch. Mr Kenneth Pile – Penarth and District Scout Activity Centre, off Bedwas Place, Penarth – replace the existing boundary fence between PADSAC and the public footpath (linking Coleridge Avenue and Cornerswell Road Lane) with 2.4m (h) galvanised steel fencing. Mr L Lamerton – 14 Plassey Street, Penarth – detached garage with

workshop at first floor level to rear. Mrs M Sutton – 29 Borough Avenue, Barry – two storey side extension to provide granny wing and single storey rear extension to provide utility room. Mr Terry Wood – 13 Craven Walk, Penarth – erection of porch to front elevation and extension and conservatory to rear. Mr John Arbourne – 25 Winsford Road, Sully –

erection of conservatory style utility room to the side of the existing dwelling. Mr Gary Allison – 18 Cawnpore Street, Cogan, Penarth – single storey extension to the rear of existing building with a 12.5 degrees pitch roof. Mr Anthony Simonite – Wilcot, Higher End, St Athan – first floor extension comprising bedroom and bathroom. The Secretary of State for Defence – land at and adjoining MoD St Athan in the Vale of Glamorgan, extending from the B4265 at

Boverton in the west to land adjacent to Cowbridge Road, St Athan in the east, and from the B4265 at Barslays in the south to land north of Boverton Brook in the north; together with land adjoining the B4265 near Gileston and land at Weycock Cross, Barry – development at and adjoining the Aerospace Business Park, including: the erection of new and replacement buildings, airfield operational facilities and structures; the provision of access roads, hard standings and other infrastructure; security fencing; landscape and ecological works; garage for Rose Cottage; all associated building and engineering works; and related high-

way improvements. Mr Gareth Watkins – 5 New Barn Holdings, Flemington – retention of change of use of land from agriculture to residential. Mrs Sally Anne Perini – Community Centre (Flats), Old Hall, High Street, Cowbridge – removal of existing rooflights due to weather ingress and their replacement with flush type (conservation grade) rooflights. Turfgrass Enterprises Limited – Cae Cefn Uchaf, Pantruthyn, near Pencoe – change of use of land to provide machinery training facilities and siting of three temporary offices. Mrs J Perkins – Chequers, Station Terrace, East Aberthaw – renewal of application 03/00840/FUL, erection of one single storey bungalow at Station Drive, East Aberthaw. Mr R Knight – Tanglewood, 31 Brookfield Avenue, Barry – to extend over existing garage/breakfast room at first floor level to side of dwelling. Leigh Osborne – 45 Pill Street, Cogan, Penarth – single storey extension to rear garden and loft conversion. Mr Martin Healer – The Barley Mow, Craig Penllyn – change of use of part of existing residential accommodation to bed and breakfast. Mr KD Glaisher – The Old Rectory, St Lythans – to extend to

rear of detached dwelling new two storey extension. The parish of Ewenny and St Brides Major – St Brides Major Church Hall, Southerndown Road, St Brides Major – addition of store room to existing east elevation of church hall. Coun Anthony Williams – Adjacent to 4a Geraints Close, Cowbridge – erection of single storey dwelling. Mr Stuart Isaac – 33 Coed Mawr, Barry – proposed WC alterations. Mr Ben Davies – 4 Clinton Road, Penarth – demolition of existing single storey extension, and replacing with a new single storey extension with internal alterations. Tim Vaughan – Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthaw – erection of building for 22 stables and feed store (part retrospective), two isolation stables. Mr Peter Zehetmayr – 101 Westbourne Road, Penarth – first floor bedroom extension over existing ground floor, erection of conservatory and replacement car port roof. Mrs Hilary Bennett – 27 Station Street, Barry – proposed WC extension. Tim Vaughan – Pant Wilkin Stables, Llanquian Road, Aberthaw – retention of cover over horse walkers. Retention of two horse walkways.

SEARCH IS ON FOR VALE'S TOP GARDENERS

The Vale of Glamorgan Council has launched it's annual search for the area's top gardens.

The Barry, Penarth and Villages in Bloom competitions involve residents and businesses across the Vale, with organisers selecting overall Vale in Bloom winners in best front garden and best commercial classes.

The Barry and Penarth competition will cover six classes of best front garden, most beautiful hanging basket display, best disabled gardener's entry, best children's entry (under 16), best residential home/sheltered accommodation and best commercial entry (including schools, but with a slightly different judging criteria).

In the Villages in Bloom competitions, there will be two classes, best front garden and best commercial entry.

The competitions are free to enter, with cash prizes and plaques or certificates. Some winners can also receive the following trophies:

Front garden: Penarth's best entry in the seafront conservation area receives the Robert and Joan Ernest Trophy.

Hanging basket display: Barry winner (Peter May Memorial Trophy).

Disabled gardener: Barry winner (Tony Gatt Memorial Cup).

Children: Penarth winner (David Morgan Trophy) and Barry winner (Cabot Trophy).



The only requirement for entry is that displays must be visible from the road or footpath to the front of the property.

Application forms can be obtained from council offices in Barry (Civic and Dock), Wenvoe (The Alps), Penarth, Llantwit Major and Cowbridge, local libraries, by telephoning 01446 700111 and on the council website www.valeofglamorgan.gov.uk.

The closing date for entries is Friday, 3rd July, 2009.



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Competition Classes

• Barry and Penarth

1. Best Front Garden
2. Most Beautiful Hanging Basket Display
3. Best Disabled Gardener's Entry
4. Best Children's Entry
5. Best Residential Home/Sheltered Accommodation
6. Best Commercial Entry

• Villages

1. Best Front Garden
2. Best Commercial Entry

Entry Form

Name

Full Address

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Classes

Please send completed form to:
Vale in Bloom, The Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe, CF5 6AA

- Entries must be clearly visible from the road or footpath to the front of the property.
- Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third placed entrants in each class, as the judges deem appropriate. Plaques or certificates will be awarded to prize winners in all classes. Cash prizes will be awarded for non-commercial classes only. Commercial classes can allocate their prize to a charity of their choice.
- Children entering Class 4 must be under 16.
- Entrants who win a class for three consecutive years will not be allowed to enter the following year.
- Classes for the "Vale in Bloom Competition" will be – Best Front Garden and Best Commercial Entry
- Judging will take place during the two weeks commencing Monday, 13th July, 2009
- Judges decision will be final in all classes.
- Closing date for entries will be on Friday, 3rd July, 2009.

THE VALE OF GLAMORGAN COUNCIL (LLANBLETHIAN PUBLIC FOOTPATH Nos. 17B & 25) (TEMPORARY CLOSURE & REVOCATION) ORDER 2009

The Vale of Glamorgan Council in exercise of its powers under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 (as amended), and of all other enabling powers intends in not less than seven days from the date of this Notice to make an Order the general effect of which is as described in the schedules below:-

SCHEDULE 1

Revocation

Vale of Glamorgan Council (Llanblethian Public Footpath No 25) (Temporary Closure) Order 2008 dated 23rd December 2008 shall be revoked from 05.59 on 22nd June 2009

SCHEDULE 2

No person shall proceed on foot in the locations specified in Schedule 3 below.

SCHEDULE 3

Location	Llanblethian Public Footpath No 17b , that extends from grid 300121 174863 in a generally north-northeasterly direction to grid 300233 175233.
Alt. Route	The diversion for this closure will be from 300121 174863 in a northeasterly direction along the former railway line to where this track meets a hedge at grid 300303 175155 then following the edge of the field (along the hedge line) in a northwesterly direction to where the field edge meets the line of the footpath at grid 300233 175233 and visa versa.
Location	Llanblethian Public Footpath No. 25 that extends from its junction with Aberthryn Road at grid 300170 174699 in a generally westerly direction to a point at grid 300064 174716 at the south western edge of the former settling bed.
Alt. Route	The diversion for this footpath will be from its junction with Aberthryn Road at grid 300170 174699 in a generally north westerly direction to the northeast of a former settling bed, along a track to grid 300089 174757, then in a south westerly direction to the northwest of the former settling bed to grid 300064 174716 at the south western edge of the former settling bed and visa versa.
Reason	To allow improvement/extension work to Cowbridge Comprehensive School.
Duration	From 6.00 Monday 22nd June 2009 for a maximum period of six months or completion of works, whichever is sooner.
Signing:	Appropriate temporary signing will indicate the alternative routes.

Dated this 11th day of June 2009

M. Punter, Head of Visible Services,
Vale of Glamorgan Council, The Alps, Wenvoe. CF5 6AA.

Out and About with The GEM

WHAT'S ON/IN BRIEF

On the Big Screen

BIG SCREEN's next showing in Cowbridge is *Young Victoria* (Cert PG), on Thursday, June 18, at 7.30pm, in the Town Hall.

Starring Emily Blunt, this film charts the early life and love of Victoria.

This will be the final film of the season until September. Doors open at 7.10pm. Tickets £3 (available in advance from the Town Clerk's office, or on

the door).

Art show for charity

SULLY painting group's annual exhibition will take place at the Jubilee Hall, Smithies Avenue, Sully, on Friday, June 19, from 6pm-9pm; and on June 20, from 10am-6pm.

The exhibition's proceeds will support two local charities - Ty Hafan and Cancer Research.

Bridgend College students ready to get 'Footloose'



ABOVE: The Bridgend College students get 'Footloose' as they warm up for their musical in Porthcawl.

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Contact the box office for further information.

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This Terminator sequel lacks the human touch

HAVING already been one of the main forces behind the successful rebooting of one dormant franchise with *Batman Begins*, Christian Bale was the surprise name in front of the camera for a reawakening of the Terminator franchise in the series' fourth outing, *Terminator Salvation*.

Bale plays a grown-up John Connor, in charge of the human resistance against the machines. Connor is facing the challenge head-on, helping the resistance go up against Skynet; but when a mysterious stranger, Marcus Wright, arrives (played by Sam Worthington), Connor is forced to make decisions that will impact upon humanity, while also attempting to find Kyle Reese (Anton Yelchin), the man who holds the key not just to Connor's life, but also the resistance's efforts to defeat the machines...

'A film by McG'. Four little words that, depending on your point of view, give you the feeling that any film prefaced with this statement will be one of little substance and overcompensated visuals; the sort of film a 15-year-old boy might make were he given millions of dollars.

Having made his name with the *Charlie's Angels* films, he was hardly the top name to sit in the director's chair of a film aiming to revive a franchise that had been tarnished with 2003's *Rise of the Machines*.

However, reputations can be deceiving, as the oddly-monikered director does a good job with a film that entertains, but is let down by a tone situated somewhere between 'po-faced' and 'deadly serious'.

Not that a knockabout comedy was expected by any means; after all, this is the film that deals

with the aftermath of Judgement Day, when the machines took over, and then proceeded to wipe out humanity - hardly laugh-a-minute territory. A touch of humour, however, may have been a welcome addition to what is a tough two-hour film.

McG certainly makes a good fist of directing here, the film thankfully shorn of his ludicrous slow-motion shots (bar one or two) and hyperkinetic editing.

Instead, with the help of director of photography Shane Hurlburt (also known as the victim of Christian Bale's infamous tirade), he creates a wonderfully visual film that veers between the parched desolate landscapes of post-nuclear Los Angeles, and the shiny, technologically advanced machines, highlighting the two sides of the war.

He also has a way with the action sequences, delivering bombast with an edge and creating sequences that our both spectacular and tense.

Paying respect to the earlier films with some nods that are good (the use of the well-worn catchphrases, visual nods that expand upon the previous films) and some that are just plain awful (a computer-generated cameo from the most famous terminator is just plain awkward and embarrassing), McG does his reputation no harm with a good job here.

As seems to be the way these days, the cast all have gravitas and nous and are not afraid to use it, and the results are, by and large, good. The intense Bale does a fair job, let down a touch by the overly gravelled voice that is merely Batman minus the cowl and cape.

He is more than capable of adding depth to the film with his performance, but he often fails to convey the weight Connor is under, what with him being the saviour of mankind. Bale delivers his usual intense

performance, but there is lack of humanity (ironically) behind it.

More impressive is Sam Worthington, deemed to be Hollywood's next big thing, who offers a similarly gravel-voiced turn, but is saddled with a far more intriguing story arc that engages you more than that of Connor's.

While his accent work may need work, slipping into his native Australian with regularity, he brings a different dimension to the film and one that is welcome.

In smaller turns, both Moon Bloodgood and Anton Yelchin are impressive, despite having little to do. As the pilot rescued by Worthington's Marcus, Bloodgood delivers a strong performance that is sadly relegated to the sidelines, while Yelchin stirs up hints of previous Reese, Michael Biehn, with another measured performance to go with his turn in *Star Trek*.

Should the Terminator franchise grow further from this film, then Yelchin will no doubt be given a more hefty role, and one he'll have little trouble essaying.

John D Brancato and Michael Ferris' script deviates from the chase template prevalent in the series' previous entries, but while delivering the scenario that excites the most, the world in the control of Skynet, does-

SCREEN TALK



by GARETH JAMIESON

n't quite pull it off.

The action and pace adds life to it, but the story is just that little bit too leaden. Given the subject matter, you can see why it is as serious as it is, but the previous films had lighter touches.

It makes for a decent blockbuster, and a fair entry into the Terminator franchise, but there is little fun to be had here.

VERDICT - An entertaining, if sombre, blockbuster film, *Terminator Salvation* suffers from a lack of a lightness of touch that would have improved its rather solemn tone.

Good direction from McG (and I never thought I would type that) and decent performances, add up to a worthwhile, but hardly essential, piece of work. *Average*.

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Bryn Hafren students stage a fundraising fayre

SIXTH form students from Bryn Hafren combined their Welsh Bacalaureate studies with fun to organise a fayre for other pupils at the school

The hugely successful event was the culmination of weeks of planning as part of their 'Team Enterprise' venture.

Each group chose their activity and decided which charity to donate any profits to, including Ty Hafan, Joshua Foundation, and Dogs Trust.

"The fayre, which was attended by hundreds of pupils, raised more than £500, and everyone agreed it was very enjoyable and was something to be repeated next year!" a spokesperson said.



This stall was a winner with staff and pupils alike, who ate their way through a selection of tasty cakes all home baked by the girls.



ABOVE: The Name that Teddy Bear stall proved very popular.



RIGHT and BOTTOM: The head boy (and staff) entered into the spirit of the day and got a good soaking for their pains!



There were queues for this stall – who could manage to throw three balls through the mouth of the rabbit without hitting the teeth. Bags of sweets awaited those who managed this deceptively difficult task!



ABOVE: This bunny went to a loving home when it was won by Leila in year-7.



ABOVE: Luckily, it was a sunny day for those who volunteered to go into the stocks. The Joshua Foundation was the chosen charity to benefit from the ordeal



ABOVE: Guess the result of the rugby match proved very popular. In the afternoon, a team from Bryn Hafren sixth form played Barry Comprehensive to raise funds for...

RIGHT: Who would guess that so many mini eggs could fit into a jar?



Pupils study animals at Palmerston school

THESE pictures were taken when Palmerston School's early year pupils took part in a Zoolab recently.

RIGHT: The centipede is wriggling in Taylor's hand! The children had a superb time handling a variety of minibeasts.



LEFT: Alex brought in her pet snake to meet classmates... His name is Tango!

Sculptures will mark Blaengarw's heritage

NEW sculptures were unveiled in Blaengarw recently, marking the sites of two of the town's six pitheads – the Ocean and the Ballarat.

Joy Bishop of Creation Development Trust told The GEM: "It was made possible by funding from Valleys 2 Coast and the Garw Valley Community Council, and was organised by the Garw Advisory Sub-committee (GAS), with Steph Hooper as chair.

"We would also like to thank the pupils and teachers from Blaengarw Primary School, who all dressed up in period costume."



Poet Patrick Jones performed the opening ceremony



ABOVE: Ogmore AM Janice Gregory.



Blaengarw pupils alongside one of the statues.



ABOVE: Two pipers led the parade.



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Practice makes perfect for Porthcawl firemen

THE Porthcawl Fire Station 'extrication team' were self-confessed outsiders, but came storming through to take second prize in the Extrication Challenge competition, held in Cardiff recently.

The team, made up of Peter Bevan (team leader), Rob Bailey, Nathan Bennett, Rob Collins, Hommie Parvini and Jeff Tombs, (pictured right) were presented with their shield by Kevin Barrie, the Deputy Chief Fire Officer.

The team put their success down to practice, and these photographs show them going through a realistic car accident rescue set up courtesy of Stormy Down Scrap Merchants.

**PHOTOGRAPHS by
KEITH E MORGAN**



BROWNIES WEAR THEIR ROAD SAFETY BADGES WITH PRIDE

GIRLS from the 3rd Porthcawl Trinity Brownies have gained road safety badges – with the help of Bridgend County Borough Council's road safety team.

It has been providing lessons and teaching the Brownies about the Green Cross Code, how to find safe crossing places, and the importance of making yourself visible when walking or riding bicycles.

To qualify for the road safety badge, the girls carried out work that included designing a cycle helmet.

They learned why it is important to wear a safety helmet with help from Egg Head, a Road

Safety team character which features a mini-cycle helmet.

Brown Owl Hilary Davies said: "I had noticed that children were riding their bikes

and not wearing a helmet, so the demonstration highlighted in a fun way the importance of protecting your head.

"The Brownies really enjoyed the talk, espe-

cially when they saw that the egg was a real one and had not been hard boiled!"

Road Safety Officer Simon Ladbroke said: "I was impressed with

the Brownies' enthusiasm. They have worked extremely hard in order to obtain their road safety badge and have learned a valuable life skill."



ABOVE: The Brownies pose with their certificates.

Graduate show puts art students' work on view

A GRADUATE show at Bridgend College is celebrating the end of another successful year in the art, design and media department's higher education (HE) students at the Centre for New Media Enterprise, Bridgend College, Queens Road Campus, today and on Friday (June 12) at 10am-2pm.

The show features the work of students studying the BA (Hons) photographic practice, HND design for interactive media, FdA creative industries: film and video, and FdA contemporary furniture design. **Phill's photo wins**

Phill Thomas, a second year BA (Hons) photographic practice student has won two top photographic competitions with the same photograph.

The photograph of a Male Red Grouse won Digital Camera maga-

zine Photographer of the Year 2008 ('Animals' category) from 120,000 photographs submitted; and first place in the International Wildbird Photographer of the Year Awards 2008 ('Birds in Britain' category).

The judges of the International Wildbird Photographer of the Year Awards 2008 commented that Phill's photograph of the grouse "...looks like a painting. It epitomises dawn on a moor, with beautiful lighting capturing the perfect moment."

Why Didn't We See It?

Bridgend College students recently collaborated with South Wales Police and its SWAP (South Wales Adult Protection) forum and Bridgend County

Borough Council on a short film to raise awareness of abuse to vulnerable adults.

The film *Why Didn't We See It?* was written and produced by the creative industries foundation degree students and features an ordinary Welsh family, the Joneses, who are all affected by abuse.

Four key types of abuse are highlighted: financial, sexual, physical and neglect. The film included Huw Ceredig (Twin Town and Pobol Y Cwm) and hot new talent Tom Sutcliffe.

Kevin Jones, a retired DI from South Wales Police and Secretary for SWAP, decided to use the medium of film to help address the increasing problem of abuse in South Wales.

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Bryntirion prize draw 'resounding success'

THE Bryntirion Comprehensive School PTA spring draw was "a resounding success", with a total of £1,010 worth of tickets sold, resulting in a profit of £775.

"The success of the draw was partly down to the incentives given to students.

The class which sold the most number of tickets, class 70, sold 103 books and their prize

was early lunch for a week, which was enjoyed by them all. Also, two incentive awards to the individuals who sold the most tickets. Jaye Thomas and Sarah Thalayasingam won a £10 WH Smiths gift voucher each for selling the most tickets.

"The winners of the raffle are listed below," said PTA chairman Andrew Thalayasingam.

WINNERS

£100 cash won by M Dixon (04529) (Donated by PTA); £20 cash won

by Debbie Williams (10170) (Donated by Payton, Jewel & Caines); Giant Kung Fu Panda cuddly toy won by A Hopkins (01855) (Donated by Mrs S Dauncey); Bottle of Whisky won by Delyth Phillips (06746) (Donated by Kath Strachan); one rug or carpet clean won by Mrs Ann Gardner (13170) (Donated by Mr S Richmond); £10 gift voucher won by Lewis Morgan (01653) (Donated by Tesco - Bridgend); £10 gift voucher won by Malcolm Jones (02153) (Donated by Tesco - Cowbridge Road); Bottle of wine won by Luke Ralston (02624) (Donated by Mr and Mrs Thalayasingam); Set of three candleholders won by Matthew Jones (10864) (Donated by Ms Jackie Gibbs); Bottle of Bailey's won by D Bellis (02519) (Donated by Mrs C Morris); Box of liqueur chocolates won by Mrs J Hopkins (01851) (Donated by Mrs Betty Jones).

The PTA's next event in September is the annual sponsored swim, back after a year out due to the school pool being out of action. Funding is being sought with regard to purchasing an electric pool cover, which will enhance the energy efficiency and reduce costs.

Andrew Thalayasingam
(Chairman PTA)

Porthcawl defies the rain to remember D-Day

ATROCIOUS Saturday morning weather did not put off the organisations in Porthcawl who were determined to remember the sacrifice made 65 years ago on D-Day.

The only concession to the weather was that at the event, which was organised by the Porthcawl branch of the Royal British Legion, sheltered spaces under the bandstand in John Street were much sought-after.

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ABOVE: Representatives of the British Legion (left to right): Ruth Birch (Porthcawl standard bearer), John David (past president), Wendy David (Poppy Appeal organiser), and Beverley Miles (secretary and deputy standard bearer).



ABOVE: Under the bandstand was the place to be!



ABOVE: John David speaks during the service.



The Sea Cadets lead the march past.



ABOVE: Spanning the generations!



ABOVE: Left to right: Coun David Deere, consort to Mayor of Porthcawl, Ronald Mervyn Jones, Veteran of both Dunkirk and Normandy, Coun John Bunker, and Bridgend MP Madeleine Moon.

RIGHT: The badge presented to Ronald Mervyn Jones by the French at Normandy during the 60th anniversary of D-Day



Members hear talk on Air Ambulance service

NEWS FROM NOTTAGE WI

AT the monthly meeting held on Tuesday May 4 in the Unitarian Church Hall in Nottage, president Ann Vipond welcomed members and a visitor.

The speaker for the evening was Mr Chris Roberts, from the Air Ambulance Service, who gave an interesting talk on how the service operates.

There are now three helicopters covering Wales, which means those being air lifted to hospital get there much quicker. The Air Ambulance Service relies wholly on donations.

After some discussion, it was decided the coffee morning on June 24 would have to be cancelled. The raffle was won by Mrs Joan Horton.

The branch meets at 7pm in the Unitarian Church Hall on the first Thursday of each month. Visitors are very welcome.

BAVO receives grant from borough council

THE BRIDGEND Association of Voluntary Organisations is to receive a grant of £117,424 from Bridgend County Borough Council in the current financial year.

It will be able to retain £37,000 for its own running costs, but must distribute £80,000 to other voluntary organisations for schemes which meet specified criteria.

BAVO is now based in Maesteg, where it has

a drop-in centre and offices. The council has also agreed to give £132,810 to Bridgend Citizens Advice Bureau and £105,880 to Maesteg Citizens Advice Bureau.

These grants have been given on the understanding that the two bureaux actively pursue a merger and do not ask for any increase in funding.

The final grant of £47,500 has been made to Groundwork towards its running costs.

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Town council's 'zero tolerance' plan will feature new 'dog mess hotline' 'Bag it and bin it, or else,' lazy dog owners are told

WAR has been declared in Porthcawl on irresponsible dog owners who allow their pets to foul streets and public places.

Porthcawl Town Council is to head a campaign to urge owners to bag it and bin it.

The council set up a 'Keep Porthcawl Clean' working group which included representatives of Nottage and Rest Bay PACT, police and the borough council.

Mike Clarke from

PACT told the meeting that this problem was a top priority for residents of the Nottage and Rest Bay area, but no solutions had been found.

Council leader David Deere said that there should be zero tolerance towards dog owners.

BCBC employs three enforcement officers within the borough who patrol and issue penalty notices. The police community support officers work closely with them and point out areas badly affected.

The working party

was told that the majority of dog owners caught allowing their pets to foul are Porthcawl residents and not visitors to the town. The town council has now agreed to organise a full scale campaign.

This will include:

- Staging a road show in John Street with BCBC officers present to give advice to dog owners. They will also give out free dog-poo bags. This will happen within the next six weeks.

- A dedicated hotline

on 01656 788049 will be set up at the Porthcawl Town Council offices which the public can use to report 'hot spots' where dog fouling is bad.

- A poster campaign throughout the town. The posters will be placed in shops and other public buildings. These point out that the doggy bags can be placed in any bin and not just special ones. The bags are available from the town council offices.

- A bin survey will be carried out to see where more bins are needed.

Any fouling reported will be dealt with by the council's handyman.

The Town Council also has a BOGOF deal for two months on the dog poo bags – buy one get one free!

Speaking to The GEM, Coun Deere said that the council was determined to encourage responsible dog ownership in the town.

"Most dog owners do clean up after their pets but we have a minority who do not and we must encourage them to act responsibly. It's quite revealing that most of the problems are caused by residents and not visitors.

"We must give the best possible impression of Porthcawl to our visitors, and having streets and land littered with dog faeces is not the way to do it."

He said that although there was no specific sum set aside in the budget for this campaign, the council was responding to a justifiable public concern.

Local athletes compete in karate championships



Some of the WKU competitors in Cardiff: John Hallet, Katy Hallet, Lisa Lloyd, Sarah Jones, Wayne Thomas, Lee Ockwell, Matthew Lloyd, Olivia Norman, Peter Barnwell and Ceri Jones. Not in photo were Ben Bevvies, Robert Hackman, Michael Hackman and Liam Hooper.

THE Welsh Karate Governing Body championships were held recently at the Welsh Institute of Sport, Cardiff, and several Bridgend county borough competitors entered, with Olivia Norman, Ben Bevvies, Michael and Robert Hackman entering for the first time.

Olivia and Robert took bronze medals in their categories as well as the WKU Ladies A team (Lisa Marie Lloyd, Katy Hallet and Sarah Jones) taking silver.

The men's WKU A (Matthew Lloyd, Peter Barnwell and Jon Hallet) and B (Wayne Thomas, Lee Ockwell and Ceri Jones) teams took joint

bronze.

Lisa and Sarah also took joint bronze in the ladies individual kumite.

Chief instructor Paul Watson (6th Dan) said: "I'm very proud of

everyone who took part in the event; especially those doing so for the first time. They were a credit to the association and their individual instructors."

For more information about the Welsh Karate Union, and for details of classes, contact www.welshkarateunion.org or contact Paul on 01656 655784.

MAESTEG NEWS IN BRIEF

Goodbye to Gwynfor

SGT GWYNFOR LLOYD has retired after 30 years' service with the police.

He spent almost all his service in Bridgend and Maesteg, where he lives.

A Nantyffyllon boy, Sgt Lloyd is the son of the late Denzil Lloyd, who was a renowned international rugby referee.

His farewell do was held at Maesteg Golf Club. He is being replaced as the Community Sergeant for Caerau and Maesteg by Sgt Paul Thomas.

Sgt Chris Truscott remains the sergeant for Aberkenfig, Ogmere and Garw.

Insp Steve Evans said that many of Gwynfor's colleagues past and present turned up for the retirement function and he was given a good send-off.

However, it will only be *au revoir* rather than goodbye, as Mr Lloyd takes up a new civilian post with the police at

headquarters in Bridgend.

THE main Maesteg to Bridgend road was closed for several hours on Saturday morning following an accident near the paper mills.

Police said that no-one was seriously injured and the road was closed to enable police to clear the road. Traffic, including buses, was diverted around Bryn and Port Talbot, while others tried to find a way through the lanes around Llangynwyd or Shwt.

POLICE in Caerau have been dealing with increased incidents of anti-social behaviour from young people at Caerau Square.

Insp Steve Evans said that the CCTV camera at the square is now working after being disconnected while road works were under way and he said that they had been

able to pick out youngsters approaching an adult to buy them alcohol from a nearby shop.

The adult involved will be given a fixed penalty notice. **SUPT TIM JONES, who headed the old Bridgend police division, has been replaced by Supt Leanne James, who now holds the number two post in the newly created Bridgend-Vale division.**

This is being headed by Chief Supt Dave Dando, former head of the Vale division, who is currently off sick after sustaining a head injury while training.

Supt James is now acting up as head of the new division until his return. There is also a new Det Chief Inspector for the division who will look after CID – Lorraine Davies – who comes from Maesteg and was a Det Sgt in the Bridgend area some years ago.

Injury toll mounts up for crocked Celtic Crusaders

**HARLEQUINS 26
CELTIC CRUSADERS 6**

CELTIC Crusaders went down 26-6 to Harlequins in a tough game at the Twickenham Stoop on a cold June Saturday afternoon.

Crusaders played a number of players out of position due to their long injury list. Mark Lennon was on the wing in place of Anthony Blackwood, Damien Quinn was still deputising for Tony Duggan, while forward Darren Mapp was forced to partner Jace Van Dijk in the halves.

As if that wasn't enough to contend with, the Crusaders were left with just 13 fit men at the end of the game. They only had 18 fit first team squad members at the start, following Anthony Blackwood's late withdrawal due to illness.

Luke Dyer was carried off after picking up a head injury on the hour. He joined Aled James, who left the field on 10 minutes, Ryan O'Hara on 16 minutes and David Tangata-Toa on 50 minutes.

"That's footy," said John Dixon. "It's a strong contact game, that's the way it's played."

"We were right in the game at half-time and I was really proud of the team today. Credit to Quins as they were worthy winners, but the scoreline didn't reflect the endeavour by us, and I felt we had some really tough calls."

Damien Quinn slid over the line on eight minutes to give Crusaders the lead on their first attack. Mark Lennon kicked the extras. The Quins levelled things on the quarter hour following a good set of six where

they worked their way upfield, and England international Louie McCarthy Scarsbrook forced his way over. Rob Purdham had no problems with the conversion.

Crusaders did well to withstand a further Quins attack. Quinn fumbled a high bomb on his own 10-metre line, giving the home side the perfect opportunity to take the lead, but an error from Matt Gafa gave the ball back to the Welsh.

It looked as if a Luke Dyer try had put the Crusaders back in the lead five minutes later, but the referee, after consulting with a touch-judge, ruled the score out for offside.

It took a Purdham penalty goal just before the interval to give Quins an 8-6 lead after Crusaders were penalised for holding down and then backchat. Quins were first to break through after the interval when Chris Mellings weaved his way through to touch down. Purdham converted to give the home side an eight-point lead.

It was soon to be 12 after David Howell caught a high bomb and popped it to Luke Williamson, who ran over.

Purdham kicked a further penalty goal on 63 minutes for offside, the 10th penalty Crusaders had conceded in the game.

From the 11th, Quins scored their fourth try. Will Sharp created the try with a fine run down the wing and Chad Randall happily received to run over. Purdham converted.

Damien Quinn attempted to get a try back near the end as he strolled through the home defence, but he was stopped in his tracks by the strong Quins back-line.

Porthcawl boxer is selected for Welsh international squad

A YEAR-10 pupil at Cowbridge Comprehensive School, who trains at a Porthcawl boxing club, has been selected to represent Wales.

Rufus Budd was awarded his Welsh vest after competing in the Welsh Youth Boxing Championships recently in Newport.

He had an emphatic victory over his north Wales opponent, and took the 52-54 kg category. He has now been selected to train with the Welsh squad in Cardiff.

Rufus trains three times a week in Porthcawl with the Porthcawl and Pyle Boxing Club, and is coached by Aubrey Lewis.



ABOVE: Rufus Budd received his Welsh vest from the president of the Welsh ABA.

Grave of town founder repaired

THE grave of one of the men who founded Porthcawl has been renovated.

Porthcawl Town Council agreed to pay for the work on the grave of James Brogden and his wife Mary Caroline, which is in Newton churchyard.

Porthcawl Civic Trust promised to contribute £100 towards the cost, but town councillors heard that they were unhappy with the work that has been done.

Coun David Deere said that the town council was happy with the work and would write to this effect to the trust.

James Brogden died in 1907 at the age of 75. The Brogden family developed Porthcawl harbour and were involved in the iron and coal trade in the area.

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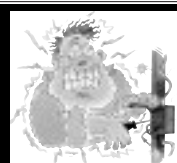
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Application No: 2009/00534/FUL
Proposal: Conversion of existing monopitch roof to new terrace to rear of property to provide amenity space to first floor flat
Location: Flat 1, 8, Royal Buildings, Penarth
Conservation Area: Penarth

Application No: 2009/00551/LBC
Proposal: Maintenance and reinstatement works for the remaining length of wall between the gated entrance to the Health Centre and The Market Place Tavern
Location: Old Hall, Cowbridge
Conservation Area: Cowbridge with Llanblethian

Application No: 2009/00562/FUL
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Application No: 2009/00511/FUL
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In a close-fought, tense contest, which ended up going right to the wire, Nottage edged a fine win in the very last round, but all schools acquitted themselves well.

The winning team from Nottage Primary school were presented with the Challenge Shield by Deputy Mayor Coun Colin Teesdale. Each contestant went home with a goody bag, which included a specially designed T-shirt commemorating their participation in the quiz.

Tories on march, but Labour hold Ogmore

EUROPEAN election results have shown the Conservatives taking the Vale and Bridgend constituencies, but Labour holding onto Ogmore.

In the Vale, the Conservatives polled 7,611 with Labour second on 4,025. UKIP was third with 3,718 and Plaid was fourth with 3,275. The Lib Dems polled 2,002 and the BNP had 1,171. The Greens had 1,357.

The seats at both Westminster and the Assembly are held by Labour at present.

In Bridgend, Labour polled 3,991 votes compared to the Conservatives 4,695. UKIP took third place with 2,606 votes, pushing Plaid Cymru into fourth place with 2,512. The Lib Dems came in sixth with 2,138.

The BNP polled 1,072 votes and the Green Party had 1,024.

At the moment, Labour holds Bridgend in Westminster and the Welsh Assembly.

In Ogmore, Labour held on comfortably, taking 4,690 votes. Plaid Cymru were second with 2,428 and Conservatives third with 1,719. UKIP polled 1,556, Lib Dems 1,147, BNP 917 and Greens 551.

Labour holds both the Westminster and Assembly seats in Ogmore.

Turn out was much lower at these elections than would be expected at a general election.

Dinas ladies lift Plate after tough tournament

DINAS POWYS Ladies travelled to Gloucester on Saturday to represent the club in a tournament that teams such as Arsenal, Spurs and Aston Villa ladies have graced in recent years.

Setting off at 6.30am, the squad arrived in a jovial mood, looking to put one over their English counterparts.

Fielding two sides in the competition, Dinas boasted the oldest player in Nicole Fowler and the youngest in Hayley Imperato.

The format saw 18 sides split into three groups. After the morning's games, nine teams play for the Gloucester Trophy and nine play for the Gloucester Plate on a

knock out basis.

After some great football in the group stages, both Dinas sides found themselves drawn against each other in the quarter-final.

On a plus side, at least one Dinas team would make the semi-final, but what a position coach Saunders found himself in trying to support both sides. Dinas A managed to record a 2-0 victory, thanks to two goals from Nao.

Dinas B didn't let themselves down, taking defeat on the chin and getting behind their fellow players.

Dinas B players Becky Rees, Vicky Williams and Nicole Fowler were solid throughout, while Laura Murray, Hayley Imperato and Jock never stopped running, chasing and scrapping in every game.

A special mention also to the B side 'keeper, Kate Crossman, who has not played all season due to a broken wrist, but coped brilliantly between the posts.

Dinas A moved on to the semi-final against Forest Green Ladies. This was a tough enough proposition without having to put skipper Bridgeman in goals, due to her taking a knock and having no substitutes.

Dinas found themselves 1-0 up after a few minutes when Nao fired home from close range.

Forest Green drew level moments later and the game went to a golden goal.

With no further goals, it was penalties. Dinas opted to change 'keepers, putting Emma O'Brien in. She was the hero as she saved two out of three and Dinas convert-

ed all their spot kicks, to seal a final place against Dursley Town.

As in the semi-final, the Vale side went at their opponents right from the opening whistle.

Holly Swanick managed to break free before Nao finished off the move, firing into the roof of the net to put the Welsh side one up. Dinas then spent the remaining part of the game defending, with Ceri Harward, Samantha Saunders, Emma O'Brien and Nao stepping up to the plate.

Holly Swanick was left the lone striker working hard to give her defenders a break.

The score remained 1-0 to Dinas Powys, who thoroughly deserved the win.

Dinas Powys not only won the Plate, but they were also awarded the Fair Play Trophy for the

conduct of their players throughout the day.

Coach Saunders said: "I couldn't have been prouder of what the two Dinas sides achieved, not only to win, but to conduct themselves and win by playing football the correct way."

"They were not only a credit to Dinas Powys Football Club, but the Vale and the South Wales Ladies League that they play in."

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Cowbridge tennis results

IT was a clean sweep for Cowbridge Lawn Tennis Club's first and second teams in their home matches against Rhiwbina.

On a warm Tuesday evening, the second team came through a very close match with wins for June Donagh and Jane Wilby, and Pat Thomas and Charlotte Kurobasa.

On a rather damper Sunday morning, the first team narrowly won their match.

This week also saw the men's team and the ladies first team away at Penarth Windsor. Simon Lake and Paul Arnold, and Allen Duggan and Rhodri John, continued their unbeaten run with another convincing win for the men, while the ladies first team lost 4-2.

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Under-13 batsmen are in the runs

RECENTLY, Cardiff and the Vale under-13s completed their third match of the season with a win against Monmouth School.

They lost their opening game against Millfield School, scoring 148 for 9 in 40 overs – thanks to some fine batting from Todd Wilcox (50), Matthew Edwards (24), and Sam Johnson (23 not out).

In reply, Millfield reached their target with five overs to spare with Harri Collier, 5-2-16-2, the pick of the Cardiff and Vale bowlers.

For their second game, they travelled to Llandovery College for the first time, where they posted a very respectable



ABOVE: Gareth Lennon takes guard.

score of 168 for 6 off 30 overs, thanks mainly to Sam Wood (78 not out, including eight fours and four sixes), and Sean Cooper (32, four fours and two sixes).

In reply, Llandovery never looked like reach-

ing their target – thanks to some very positive fielding and a fine spell of bowling from Wilf Howard, who returned figures of 5-0-12-6.

Against Monmouth, they produced a powerful display of batting, scoring 204 for 5 off 35 overs, with the pick of the batsmen being Gareth Lennon (76 ret'd no), Jeremy Lawlor (34 no), and Sean Cooper (30 no).

This total proved far too much for Monmouth, with the home side reaching 87 all out from 30 overs. The home side had no answer to the spin bowling of Scott Matthews, 6-1-16-4 and Jeremy Lawlor, 3-1-10-3.

In their next match they face local opposition, travelling to Ferndale to play Mid Glamorgan on Sunday.

Rugby league for forces charities

AN annual charity match – in which the Royal Marines and the Parachute Regiment play each other at rugby league for the Trafalgar Cup – is coming to the Brewery Field, Bridgend, next Thursday, June 18, at 7pm.

All the proceeds on the night, gate money, programme sales and raffle money, will go to the Afghanistan Trust and the Royal Marines Benevolent Fund.

The Red Devils freefall parachute team will be parachuting into the stadium with the match balls before the game.

Adult tickets are £2, children are admitted free.

Junior tennis festival hailed a great success



Youngsters who took part in the festival are joined by the organisers and special guest Ddraig, the Dragon Sport mascot.

THE Vale's first tennis festival for children with disabilities or additional needs has been held at Penarth Lawn Tennis Club.

Twenty three pupils from four local primary schools – Palmerston, Gwenfo C/W, Ashgrove and Ysgol Erw'r Delyn – all enjoyed taking part, with some playing the sport for the first time.

The festival was organised by the Vale Council's Disability Sport Wales officer, Linda Ruston, after she teamed up with one of the tennis club's coaches, Simon Clarke.

Linda said: "The

smiles on the children's faces said it all. They had a fantastic morning having a go at eight different skill exercises and I really hope that tennis will become an activity that they start to enjoy playing regularly."

"The venue was great and gave the pupils the opportunity to experience tennis in an idyllic environment – it gave them a brilliant taste of the sport."

Linda and Simon were helped on the day by the club's head coach Rob Cunningham, members of the Vale Council's sports and play development team, staff from the schools involved, Tony Pibb from the Cardiff wheelchair tennis club and

three sixth formers from nearby St Cyres Comprehensive School.

Linda added: "Thanks very much to everyone who supported the festival, particularly the three sixth formers – Jordan Roach, David Riseborough and Dan Payne – who were an exceptional help and full of enthusiasm and energy."

There are plans for the festival to be held again next year. In the meantime, Simon Clarke is available to go into the four schools, as well as Ysgol Maes Dyfan in Barry, to provide some follow-up sessions, which will be sponsored by Bernard Cody Motor Engineers of Penarth.



ABOVE: The Dinas ladies A and B teams.

Aberthyn jockeys in one-two finish

Robert Thomas of Cowbridge saw his promising six-year-old bay gelding Micks Prospect land the intermediate race in fine style at the rainswept Pembrokeshire Hunt Point-To-Point Steeplechases at Trecoed on Saturday.

Partnered by Rhys Hughes, who has retained his Welsh riders' championship title, Micks Prospect, who blotted his copybook when falling at the first fence at Bonvilston a couple of weeks ago, made all the running to win by six lengths from Tannyma ridden by Tom David who, like Hughes, is an employee of Tim Vaughan's Aberthyn yard.

Micks Prospect, who is trained by Vaughan's wife Abbi, could go summer racing and his delighted owner said: "I just wanted to see him get around safely today."

Incidentally, Abbi's husband Tim was successful with *Ruprestrian*

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at Hexham and *Dead Or Alive* at Worcester.

For the first time at a Welsh meeting, racegoers were able to watch the racing on a big screen, courtesy of S4C.

Another horse to make every post a winning one was 14-year-old *Usk Valley* which, under Welsh champion Isabel Tompsett, came home an official six lengths ahead of *Hi Tech Man* in the area feature ladies' open race.

Isabel – who three days previously had landed her first-ever double under Rules at Newton Abbot – was standing in for Ruth Birt-Llewellyn.

Ruth had been unseated from *Mr Who* in a match for the members' race won by *Makena*, who gave Alan Johns (19) his third winner of the season.

Makena, owned by David Evans and trained by Alan's mother Margaret, had caused something of a surprise when winning the Gelligaer Farmers Open race at Lower Machen recently.

John Mathias came in

for a lucky chance ride on Gareth Cheshire's *One To Note* in the restricted race.

Nick Williams was down to ride but his car broke down on the way. However, John proved an able deputy, taking up the running five fences from the finish to score by eight lengths from *Canndar*.

One To Note, who is trained by Gwent's Debbie Faulkner, brought John's seasonal total of wins to 17, and a career total to 30. He has won the West Wales Area Champion Gentlemen Riders' Championship, a title his father Philip won on several occasions.

Nine runners – the biggest field of the day – faced the starter for the open maiden race, which went to *Chopras Choice*, a seven-year-old bay mare who, under Dai Jones, came home three lengths ahead of the well fancied *Ralahine*.

Chopras Choice, a 25-1 chance, is trained by Marc Barber, who must have had mixed feelings as he rode the runner-up, who is owned

and trained by Sirrel Griffiths of *Norton's Coin* fame.

The winner was running in the colours of the late Mirriam Sullivan – Marc's grandmother – who sadly died before the start of the season.

Dai said: "She was watching over me from up there and I dedicate this win to her."



ABOVE: Rhys Hughes bringing the Welsh point to point season to a close as he wins the final race on the Pembrokeshire Hunt card, the intermediate at Trecoed, in style on the Irish-bred Glamorgan qualifier, Micks Prospect, trained by Abbi Vaughan.

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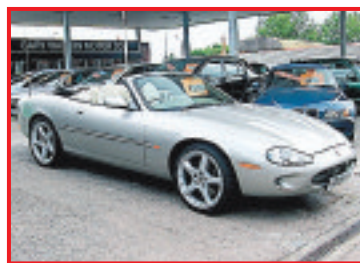
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Blue Bulls gore the Cougars in thriller

VALLEY COUGARS 30
BRIDGEND BLUE BULLS 46

THE Bridgend Blue Bulls won a 14-try thriller against reigning Welsh Champions Valley Cougars at Nelson RFC to take top spot in the Wales Conference League table.

The Bulls almost scored in the second minute when prop James Elton side-stepped two tackles, but his pass was intercepted by Paul Emmanuelli.

Just minutes later, former Celtic Crusader Grant Epton marked his return to a Blue Bulls jersey with a great run that resulted in a score for centre Karl Davies, with Jamie Murphy converting for a 6-0 lead.

The Cougars hit straight back, thanks to another former Crusader, Phil Cushion the prop, handing off two tacklers to score an unconverted try.

The scores stayed the same until the 23rd minute when Tylon Mafi broke through the Cougars' defence to send his captain, Lloyd O'Connor, scampering to the tryline.

The Bulls increased their lead when a great cross field kick from Murphy resulted in a try for Epton to make it 16-4 to the Bulls.

Craig Fox made an immediate impact, coming off the bench and scoring two quick tries, the second after a barging run from Daniel Smith, and Murphy converted both to make it 28-4.

The final score in the first half went to the Cougars' Rhodri Morris to make it 28-8 at half-time.

The Cougars drew first blood in the second half thanks to a Carl Thomas try, but a length-of-the-field score from the excellent Gareth Howells made in 36-

12, with Matthew Hutchings adding the extras.

The Cougars then put in a superb 20-minute spell and took full advantage of some Bridgend indiscipline with Liam Williams, Adrian Owen and Dafydd Hielland all scoring.

Carl Thomas added all three conversions to bring the home side to within just four points and it seemed like a great comeback was on.

However, a superb solo score from Murphy put Bridgend two scores up before a break from Christiaan Roets sent Nathan Strong under the posts, with Murphy and Cameron Shannon adding the goals to make it 46-30.

After the game, victorious captain Lloyd O'Connor said: "We always knew it was going to be tough up here and the Cougars fought back well in the second half after our discipline let us down."

"We are delighted with the win over a team we haven't beaten for two years."

MH

Rugby dinner will honour Lee the Lion

TO honour Bridgend's latest British and Irish Lion, Lee Byrne, it has been decided to hold a celebration dinner on Saturday, August 8, at 7pm in the Heronston Hotel Bridgend.

Lee follows in the great tradition of other local rugby stars who took part in previous tours, most noticeably the 1974 and 1997 spectacles. To commemorate Lee's achievement, the evening will include a four-course dinner, with the entertaining after-dinner speaker Phil Steele.

This will be followed by a question and answer sports forum by Lee - to give an insight on becoming a Lion and

relate at first hand what it was like to tour South Africa.

It is also hoped that other players from previous tours will also be present.

Lee has decided to Support Ty Hafan, Velindre Cancer Centre and Yellow Wales.

There will also be a chance to bid for sporting memorabilia, with some great raffle prizes.

The event will appeal to all rugby supporters and enthusiasts.

Contact 07799 63 66 22 or e-mail sporteventsvx@btinternet.com to receive more information and a booking form for further details.

KM

Bridgend's Rhys sweeps through Open qualifying

BRIDGEND'S Rhys Davies has had a fine two weeks as he seeks his full player's card on the European Golf Tour - and has secured a spot in the Open Championship.

After finishing as the leading Welsh player at joint 17th in the recent Wales Open at Celtic Manor with a solid four-round total of 282, he set off to qualify for the Open.

Rhys, who had a hugely-successful amateur career on the US college circuit, failed to get his card for the full European Tour, and has been playing on the Asian Tour.

However, after taking advantage of an exemption for Celtic Manor, he set off to Sunningdale for final qualifying, and opened with a storming 65.

In the second round, he started more hesitantly, but rallied to sail home with a 67, and secure his spot alongside the world's best golfers at Turnberry.

The Open Championship takes place over four days, July 16 - 19.

PYLE AND KENFIG GOLF CLUB NEWS

New captains are looking forward to bright future

THE incoming captains of Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club, club captain, Richard Hurn and lady captain, Linda Ingram, met recently with an air of optimism to discuss plans for the club.

In spite of the recession, revenue from golf tourism in Wales is up by 13 per cent, probably due to sound work by the Welsh Tourist Board in promoting Wales as a quality venue for golf.

Pyle and Kenfig is able to reap the benefit of this increased interest, as it is universally recognised as belonging in the premier league and, in addition to being a great test of golf, the course can remain open all the year round, even when other courses are waterlogged.

Ryder Cup in 2010

The third most watched sporting event in the world - exceeded only by the football

world cup and the Olympics - the Ryder Cup, is coming to South Wales in 2010. There will be a welcome invasion of visitors to the area, and Pyle and Kenfig Golf Club is preparing to roll out a very Welsh red carpet for them.

Looking to the youth

The captains and committee recognise the importance of having younger members in the club, and have accepted that it can be difficult for them to get a foothold in golf.

There are proposals in hand to extend the definition of 'young member' and to abolish the joining fee for them. It is also anticipated that the annual fee will be considerably reduced for this group.

Furthermore, plans are in place to boost the junior section. Two of the most successful players in the club are currently acting as junior leaders, passing on the benefits of their considerable skills.

JM



ABOVE:
New captains Richard Hurn and Linda Ingram.

Ladies section

Recent results are as follows: Bank Holiday mixed foursomes - 1st Alison and Geraint Evans 39 point (better back nine); 2nd Marlene and Vyvian Morgan; 3rd Sue and Tony Forbes 38 points.

GUW medal - Winner, Kay Sinclair (net 67);

runner-up, Jackie Jones (net 77).

MW

Readers are reminded that Pyle and Kenfig warmly welcomes visitors and societies. Contact the office, 01656 783093/771613 or the professional Dylan Williams, on 01656 772446.

GEM Quiz League posers

HERE are your quiz questions for the week:

- 1) Which musical features the songs *I Whistle a Happy Tune* and *Getting To Know You*?
- 2) What name is given to the imaginary line around the Earth that generally follows the 180 degrees meridian?
- 3) Which former Welsh international three-quarter is the current chief executive of the South

African rugby union?

4) Which composer's 41st. and final symphony is nicknamed *The Jupiter*?

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QUIZ ANSWERS:
1. The King & I
2. International Date Line.
3. Andy Marnos.
4. Mozart.

Flying start for league champs

THE brand new season in the Bridgend Sunday Leisure League got off to a flying start as Mean Machine cruised through 5-0 against Racing Inter thanks to the form of Chris Sparks.

Reigning champions Bulldogs saw off The Cross Keys 4-1, thanks to the form of Nathan Prior, and AC Brackla

ceased through 4-0 against Coity Crusaders. Chris Abbot helped B Attack get off the mark at the first opportunity in Division One, following a 2-0 victory over Hangover Heroes, and Matthew Sparks helped Croissants to a 1-0 win over Velindre Foundation Fundraisers.

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